To: OPWDD State Operations and Regional Office Directors
Executive Directors of Voluntary Agencies
Waiver Coordinators
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From: Gerald Huber; Deputy Commissioner
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Re: **Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP)**

In 2012, the federal government revised the regulations which define the requirements to qualify as a Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (or QMRP) to reflect the more appropriate language of Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP). This change in federal regulation allows OPWDD the opportunity to officially adopt this change in state terminology as well.

In keeping with OPWDD's commitment to using respectful and people first language, OPWDD will no longer be using the term "Qualified Mental Retardation Professional" or QMRP. Instead, *beginning May 1, 2013*, both State Operated and Voluntary Operated service providers should begin using the identifier of QIDP for providers who meet the qualifications identified in federal regulation 42 CFR 483.430(a).

This change will be considered a quality change, and for billing purposes, both identifiers will remain acceptable.

Please contact the Waiver Unit at 518-474-5647 with any questions regarding this change.

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