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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this memo is to inform Case Management Agencies and Case Managers that the Monitor for the state's voluntary Department of Justice Settlement Agreement may be reaching out for member specific information or interviews.

Information:

On October 31, 2024, the State of Colorado signed a voluntary Settlement Agreement with the federal Department of Justice (DOJ). This voluntary agreement was negotiated to leverage existing work to improve nursing facility transition and diversion efforts for adult Medicaid Members with physical disabilities in Colorado. As part of the Agreement, a Settlement Agreement Monitor, Melanie Reeves Miller, was hired to serve as a neutral third party to review the State's compliance with the voluntary Agreement.

As part of the Department's ongoing efforts to comply with the terms of the voluntary Agreement, we want to inform you that while it should be rare, Melanie Reeves Miller or her team, may be reaching out to your agency during the duration of the

Agreement, through October 31, 2028. This outreach may include requests to meet with agency staff or review documentation related to the transition of individuals from nursing facilities to community-based settings. It should be noted that Case Management Services are not part of the voluntary agreement. However, the State does have to demonstrate that members are connected to services appropriately upon transition to the community.

Your collaboration is essential in supporting Colorado's commitment to ensuring individuals have meaningful access to community living options. The Monitor's review is a critical component of assessing our collective progress and identifying opportunities for continued improvement.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and responsiveness in this process. Melanie and her team will work with you all to provide as much advanced notice as possible and to schedule appropriate meeting times, when necessary, to ensure the continuity of your work. Data requests will be submitted to the Department whenever possible; however, information from your agencies may still be required. If you receive a data request, please respond within 5 business days of the request or work with Melanie to arrange an appropriate timeline for your agency to comply.

If you have any questions about the process or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Department's Settlement Agreement Coordinator, Jill Schnathorst at jill.schnathorst@state.co.us.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to quality case management services.

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