

DDSD – DDW Numbered Memo 2017 – 2

February 14, 2017

Dear DDW Participants, Case Managers, Providers and Interested Parties:

On October 26, 2016, the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) issued a letter informing you of the division's intent to discontinue the use of the Supports Intensity Scale[®] (SIS). The purpose of this letter is to update you and provide additional information on the process to discontinue the use of the SIS as an assessment tool for the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW).

With the discontinuation of the use of the SIS assessment for adults on the DDW, the Center for Development and Disability (CDD) will have all scheduled SIS assessments (for all remaining new allocations and people turning 18 this year) completed by February 28, 2017. However, the CDD will be able to provide a SIS assessment for anyone who requests one due to a change of condition or other reason until June 30, 2017. If an assessment is requested, the request is required to be made through Jonathan S. Baca with DDSD. Mr. Baca will work with the CDD to coordinate the scheduling and completion of the SIS assessment. All SIS assessments must be completed by June 30, 2017. After June 30, 2017, DDSD will no longer be offering SIS assessments for any reason.

If a reassessment is requested, the SIS assessment will be done using the paper format. Individuals, guardians if applicable, and their support staff will receive a copy of the SIS assessment, the Interview Checklist and a DDSD report similar to the AAIDD Family Friendly report.

If you have questions, please contact Jonathan S. Baca at jonathans.baca@state.nm.us or (505) 827 – 1626. Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting New Mexico citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.