I. SUMMARY:
This Director’s Release provides guidance for a revision to the existing 2009 (Revised 2012) Mi Via Waiver Standards (Appendix A: Service Description for Customized Community Support). This revision is in response to changes in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rule requirements for Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) released January 16, 2014. This revision is required as part of meeting DDSD’s obligations set forth in the Statewide Home and Community-Based Services Transition Plan which outlines DDSD strategies to accomplish compliance with the new federal requirements.

II. SPECIFIC SECTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS AFFECTED BY THIS RELEASE:
A. 2009 (Revised 2012) Mi Via Waiver Standards: Service Description for Customized Community Supports (Appendix A)

III. REQUIREMENT AMENDMENT(S) OR CLARIFICATIONS:
A. This revision is to include the following language into the definition of the 2009 (Revised 2012) Mi Via Waiver Standards for Customized Community Supports:

I. This service is to be provided in an integrated community-based setting that supports opportunities for participants to access, as well as actively engage with, their preferred community resources and activities that includes others in their community. Customized Community Supports are expected to be provided in integrated community settings such as community-based day programs and community centers and can take place in non-institutional and non-residential settings including typical integrated community settings as specified in the participant’s service and support plan (SSP).

IV. REFERENCES
Mi Via Home and Community Based (1915c) Waiver
2009 (Revised 2012) Mi Via Service Standard Descriptions (Appendix A)
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