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**MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS**

FROM: Verena Cox, Bureau Chief   
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Updates to Programmatic Flexibilities

This memorandum is to advise Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) staff and stakeholders the State of Emergency has been extended until December 31, 2021. This extension allows flexibilities released in the COVID-19 guidance to continue, with the exceptions of Alzheimer's disease and dementia training and Consumer Directed Services (CDS) financial audits. All HCBS providers shall resume annual Alzheimer's disease and dementia training and CDS providers shall return to submitting CDS financial audits.

The [COVID-19 Flexibility Authority Chart](#) which describes the authority of each of the flexibilities that are in place, has been updated.

The Division of Senior and Disability Services will continue to provide updates regarding the State of Emergency and [COVID-19 Guidance](#) as they become available.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Long Term Services and Supports (BLTSS) via e-mail at [LTSS@health.mo.gov](mailto:LTSS@health.mo.gov).

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