



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Community First Choice Stakeholders  
Community Personal Assistance Services Stakeholders  
Home and Community-Based Options Waiver Stakeholders  
Increased Community Services Stakeholders

From: Marlana R. Hutchinson, Director *mrh*  
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Subject: Delayed Implementation of Self-Direction

Date: September 14, 2023

**Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.**

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The Office of Long Term Services and Supports (OLTSS) will delay the implementation of self-direction for the Community Personal Assistance Services, Community First Choice, Home and Community-Based Options Waiver and Increased Community Services programs until July 1, 2024. The delay will allow sufficient time to build the financial management and counseling services (FMCS) infrastructure to ensure a successful implementation.

Deputy Secretary Ryan Moran and I will be meeting with stakeholders at the next Community Options Advisory Council meeting (September 26, 2023 @2pm) to discuss next steps and address any questions.