



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Living Assistance and Support Services Case Management Agencies
Community Living Assistance and Support Services Direct Service Agencies

Subject: Information Letter 15-15
Denials Regarding Prevocational Services in the Community Living Assistance and Support Services Program

The purpose of this Information Letter (IL) is to remind Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) case management agencies (CMAs) the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) does not require a CMA to obtain a denial from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) before including prevocational services on an individual plan of care (IPC). Although DARS provides services to assist persons with disabilities seeking employment, DARS does not provide any services similar to CLASS prevocational services.

A CMA is required to ensure that each CLASS Program service on an IPC meets the criteria described in CLASS program rules found at Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, §45.214(b)(3). The rule indicates a case manager must ensure a service on the IPC is not available to the individual through any other source, including the Medicaid State Plan, other governmental programs, private insurance, or the individual's natural supports.

Please send any questions you have about this IL to class@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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