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## Acting Commissioner Delaney Announces Extension of Public Comment Period

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is extending the timeframe for public comment on the qualification document posted in late August which outlines the requirements for the creation of specialized Managed Care Plans:

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This qualification document includes requirements for education and experience for medical and clinical directors, financial reserve requirements and other standards the plan applicants will be required to meet.

In response to feedback from our stakeholders, we are extending the public comment period by two weeks until October 17 to provide extra time for people to review this large technical document.

In addition, OPWDD will be preparing a presentation to outline the document for easier understanding. We will include in the presentation the responses to questions we have already received through advocacy organizations and other stakeholder groups. The presentation will be posted to the OPWDD website over the next several days.

We would like to encourage you to provide your comments on this document to [peoplefirstwaiver@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:peoplefirstwaiver@opwdd.ny.gov) prior to the extended October 17 deadline.

We truly appreciate you taking the time to provide your feedback. The move to specialized Managed Care for developmental disabilities services is essential to providing optimal flexibility, innovation and customization in our service system.

Sincerely,

Kerry A. Delaney

Acting Commissioner

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