**Policy Clarifications
Medicaid – Long Term Care
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| **Subject: Removal of minimum age requirement for participation in the Office of Developmental Program’s (ODP) Person/Family Directed Support (68) and Consolidated (77) Waivers****Question:** Must a child, diagnosed with an intellectual disability and recommended for an intermediate care facility (ICF) level of care (LOC), wait until age three to qualify for and receive supports and services from ODP? |

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** | **Date: 5/31/2017** |

No. Effective July 1, 2017, children under age three who meet the ICF LOC criteria will no longer be restricted to only receiving early intervention services through the Office of Child Development and Early Learning’ (OCDEL) Infant, Toddler, and Families (ITF) Waiver. The ability to diagnose intellectual disabilities at even younger ages makes it possible for children to also be found functionally eligible on a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Eligibility/Ineligibility/Change Form (PA 1768) for the Person/Family Directed Support (PFDS) and Consolidated Waivers administered by the Office of Developmental Programs. The sooner a support or technology is available to a child, the greater their emotional or physical growth may be.