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TO: Direct Service Providers
FROM: Camille Cumuze, ADMH-DDD Associate Commissioner
DATE: October 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Severe Weather

Due to the threat of upcoming severe weather related to Tropical Storm Isaias, this communication is to ensure that all providers of residential services for individuals with intellectual disabilities are taking the necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of individuals served.

All residential providers in the affected areas should immediately review and implement their emergency preparedness and continuity of operations plans. At a minimum, please ensure the following actions are in place:

- Adequate staffing coverage is maintained, including contingency plans for staff who may be unable to travel
- Emergency supplies are available, including food, water, medications, medical supplies, flashlights, batteries, weather radio, clothing, and extra blankets
- Backup power sources are operational and tested, if applicable
- Any applicable flood protection and preventative measures
- Transportation plans are in place should relocation or evacuation become necessary; gasoline for vehicles should be secured ahead of time
- Communication plans are established to maintain contact with staff, individuals, guardians, and emergency responders

Providers are expected to continue monitoring local weather updates and guidance from emergency management officials throughout this event. **Please be weather aware, as**



hurricane force winds, storms, and flooding can result in structural damage, loss of power, loss of water and/or plumbing related emergencies, and inability to travel.

Any significant incidents, service disruptions, relocations, injuries, or situations that may impact the health and safety of individuals must be reported in accordance with established reporting requirements. Please contact your regional on-call phone immediately to report any incidents.

Please ensure that all staff are aware of emergency procedures and know who to contact if issues arise. Our primary focus during this time is the safety and well-being of the individuals receiving services.

Thank you for your continued commitment and cooperation. Additional guidance will be provided as needed, including updates when and if a State of Emergency is declared in Alabama.