**Contract Correspondence Transmittal (CCT)**

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Dear PCP/PCC Provider,

Over the past few years, private agencies have been partnering with DCBS to assist in recruiting and supporting medically fragile foster parents. This general recruitment approach has increased the number of families trained and available and we appreciate your assistance. Unfortunately, we continue to identify children and youth who are more difficult to place and the placement selection very limited. In order to increase the number of homes available for this population, a more targeted approach to medically fragile recruitment is requested.

Current trends indicate an increasing number of children and youth who are diagnosed with diabetes that require both strong therapeutic and medical oversight. DCBS seeks to increase placement selection options that will best meet their special needs, as well as place them closer to their home communities. We suggest recruiting themes that present a realistic description of the challenges as well as the rewards of caring for these children and youth. Prior to recommending the family become a medically fragile parent for these children, and thus referring them to the Join Hands Training, the agency may want to pay particular attention to the family’s level of skills and abilities and if they will be effective at meeting these vulnerable needs. Join Hands Together slot availability will be based upon a prioritization system for those private agency families that have been screened and selected as optimal candidates for children and youth in this category.

DCBS must best utilize staff and training by ensuring that resources are maximized and that agencies are screening, selecting and identifying placement settings that can best meet the needs of these vulnerable children and youth. We recognize that with your assistance, we will likely grow to meet the recruitment needs for these children and will look toward future data projections for further Join Hands slot selection. Thank you for your continued commitment to foster parents providing medically fragile services.

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