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**Subject:** [ODP-STAKEHOLDER-COMMUNITY] Essential Businesses: ID/A Service Providers  
**Importance:** High

**A Message from the Deputy:**

For all home and community based service and intermediate care facility providers offering services funded or administered through the Office of Developmental Programs, please note that you are considered life-sustaining and are therefore exempt from the Governor's directive asking for the closure of all non-essential businesses. Home and community based service and intermediate care facility providers offer services that maintain basic health and safety requirements in a multitude of essential ways and those providers are expected to continue offering those services through the COVID-19 crisis period.

Thank you for all of your valuable and life-sustaining work and for your commitment to serving Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities and autism.

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