

August 23, 2016

Dear CMPAS Client,

You may have received a letter from DADS dated on August 17, 2016 notifying you of our decision to not renew our current contract for the CMPAS program. While we do not yet know the outcome, we are still negotiating with DADS, and during our meeting with DADS representatives on August 16, we were assured that CMPAS clients would not lose their services.

In order to better serve all Texans with disabilities, we could no longer support the CMPAS program with the current inadequate funding we were receiving from the state. For many years now, the reimbursement rate from DADS for the CMPAS program has not fully covered the costs to provide this service. In good faith, we began negotiations with DADS in early Spring of this year to cover our costs this next year. Despite our best efforts, that request was denied. Therefore, we were unable to sign a contract for this coming year.

The state will be working to find another provider willing to sign a CMPAS contract. It is our belief that it will be difficult to find another provider willing to sign the underfunded contract proposed. However, Helping Restore Ability has already signed an extension of our current contract which will be in place until October 31, 2016. At that time, we will continue to work with DADS representatives to ensure that you continue to receive services until such time as a long term solution is found.

We will communicate with you as we find out any further details or information regarding the CMPAS program as they become available. We are sorry for the anxiety that this discussion surely causes you. Know that we strive mightily to protect your interests, and that we know that you rely on us to represent you.

We do have powerful friends assisting us in this issue. Please feel free to contact your local State Representative with any issue or concern at Texas State House District 95--Representative Nicole Collier: 101. S. Jennings, Ste. 103 A Fort Worth TX 76104: Phone: (817) 332-1180.

After 40 years of serving the CMPAS community we here at HRA have been privileged to serve you and have nothing but the deepest respects for your dignity and journey.

Please feel free to reach out to Vicki Niedermayer @ 817-635-6030 or Heather Tubb @ 817-635-6038 should you have any further questions. We promise to keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Vicki Niedermayer, CEO