WSC ADVISORY #2020-035 WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES RESOURCES

ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2020

Effective July 1, 2020, the "Working People with Disabilities" legislation allows for an increase to the monthly income and asset limit for individuals with earned income through paid employment. This allows individuals enrolled on the iBudget waiver to have increased income and assets without losing their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid benefits.

The Agency for Health Care Administration published resources about this legislation. These resources include information about joining the workforce while receiving Home and Community-Based Services. The one-page handout and two-page Frequently Asked Questions document are posted on the Supported Employment page of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities website and attached to this advisory.

As you know, Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) are responsible for discussing employment options, work incentives, and community resources with their clients. These materials can be used by WSCs to guide conversations with clients about employment goals.