

Center for Disability Rights, Inc.

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To whom it may concern,

Attendants working in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program through the Center for Disability Rights are employees of the disabled individual they serve. They perform an essential service in ensuring that disabled individuals in our program receive needed services to live in the community. Without their support, these disabled individuals may be unable to eat, use the toilet or get out of bed.

Because they are not direct employees of the Center for Disability Rights, attendants in this program are not provided with photo identification. As an alternative, they are being advised to carry this letter, their personal photo identification and a CDR paystub or Attendant Timesheet Report in case they are asked by the authorities to verify that they are essential employees who are headed to work.

In other areas where there has been an outbreak of COVID-19, disabled individuals who have gone without assistance have died unnecessarily. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that this doesn't happen here.

Sincerely,



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