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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you are a parent/guardian of a child who is waiting to receive autism treatment services, is currently receiving autism treatment services, or previously received autism treatment services through the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program. You are invited to attend a regional public meeting hosted by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The purpose of these meetings is to share information about changes occurring during 2016.

As you may be aware, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance to states in July 2014 indicating that autism treatment services must be covered under the Medicaid State Plan. In response, DHS is transitioning autism treatment services from the CLTS Waiver Program to a new ForwardHealth behavioral treatment benefit. ForwardHealth includes the Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus and Katie Beckett programs.

Please see the schedule below for dates and locations of the DHS regional public meetings. For more information and to view a taped copy of a meeting, please access the DHS Behavioral Treatment Transition website at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/waiver/autism/index.htm>.

November 3, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Froedtert Hospital Helfaer Auditorium 92 nd Street Milwaukee, WI 53226	November 9, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Alliant Energy Center, Mendota 1 & 2 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way Madison, WI 53713 Live webcast: http://livestream.com/DHSWebcast/Autism
November 10, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Western Technical College Lunda Center, Conference Hall West 319 Seventh Street North La Crosse, WI 54601	November 11, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dunn County Human Services 3001 U.S. Highway 12 East, Suite 160 Menomonie, WI 54751
November 17, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Brown County Public Library Auditorium 515 Pine Street Green Bay, WI 54301 Live webcast: http://livestream.com/DHSWebcast/Autism	November 18, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Northcentral Technical College Auditorium 1000 W. Campus Drive Wausau, WI 54401

Sincerely,

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