## Maryland State Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation Services DORS/DDS Exchange of Medical Records

Reference: RSM 2, Section 203.03

The following process is to be followed regarding the exchange of medical records between DORS and DDS.

## **DDS Records Requested by DORS**

DDS will share records requested by DORS without a written consent from the applicant or eligible individual or the individual's representative upon learning that the DORS consumer has applied for SSA disability benefits.

- 1. DORS staff will email the DDS exchange mailbox: <a href="mailto:PH.MD.S23.DDS.Transfer.DORS@ssa.gov">PH.MD.S23.DDS.Transfer.DORS@ssa.gov</a>. The request will specify claimant's name, date of birth, and what records are being requested.
- 2. Responsible DDS staff will ensure requests from DORS for SSA records are for open DDS cases. If an open case does not exist, records will not be available.
- 3. Requested records will be transferred to DORS via secure email to <a href="mailto:DDS.Transfer.DORS@maryland.gov">DDS.Transfer.DORS@maryland.gov</a>.
- 4. DDS will keep complete records of each transfer of SSA Data to DORS and will retain such records for a minimum of three and up to seven years.
- 5. Responsible DORS staff will attach the requested documents in the consumer's electronic case file and retain such records for a minimum of three years.

## **DORS Records Requested by DDS**

DDS will request records from DORS without written consent from the applicant or eligible individual or the individual's representative upon learning that the DDS claimant is/has been a DORS consumer:

- 1. DDS Examiner will email the DORS exchange mailbox: <a href="mailto:DDS.Transfer.DORS@maryland.gov">DDS.Transfer.DORS@maryland.gov</a>
  - a. The request will specify the claimant's name, date of birth, and what records are being requested.
  - b. The email will be directed to the responsible DORS staff who will be primarily responsible for responding to the request.
  - c. DDS staff: Do not generate a written request through NCPS.
- 2. Add a Case Note in NCPS documenting that the request was submitted via email.
- 3. If records are not received within 7 days, send a follow-up email to the DORS exchange mailbox.
- 4. DORS will submit the requested records, if available, via email to PH.MD.S23.DDS.Transfer.DORS@ssa.gov.