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To: All DD Waiver Community Integrated Employment (CIE) Provider Agencies

From: Jason Cornwell, Director  
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**Subject: CESP/ACRE Certification Requirement Extension**

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This memo provides an update on the requirement for Community Integrated Employment (CIE) provider agencies to have one staff member to be certified by either the Association for Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE), or Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) by July 2022.

Please refer to DD Waiver Service Standards, Effective Date 11-1-21, Chapter 17.1.1

2. At least one staff person in each CIE Agency must hold the Association for Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE), Certificate or be a valid Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) through the Association for People Supporting Employment First (APSE), at all times.

a. CIE Agencies have until July 2022 to come into compliance with this requirement.

**Effective today, an extension has been granted for CIE provider agencies to be in compliance with having one staff person to be certified for ACRE or CESP by December 31, 2022, rather than July 2022.**

For any questions or concerns please contact Frank Gaona, Statewide Supported Employment lead at [frank.gaona@state.nm.us](mailto:frank.gaona@state.nm.us) or 505-795-2821.