

February 27, 2017

Ms. Joan Volpe  
DDRO Director  
38 Firemens Way  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Dear Ms. Volpe:

I regret to inform you that Coarc, as a Fiscal Intermediary, will no longer be accepting new individuals looking for Self-Directed Services with budget authority. As you know, Coarc has been a leader in supporting Self-Directed Services and we have seen a steady increase in the number of individuals that Coarc supports through the Self-Directed / Fiscal Intermediary program, with many more individuals looking for this service. We will continue to support existing individuals and families and those who are currently in active development.

Unfortunately, the funding methodology does not provide for sufficient reimbursement to cover the costs associated with the service. The funding methodology currently does not address the costs of program administration and our existing Program Manager is at capacity. This, when coupled with a required Agency Administration allocation methodology makes the Self-Directed / Fiscal Intermediary service unsustainable. While OPWDD is aware of provider concerns and has been meeting with providers to address the issues presented, there has been no resolution to date.

Should amendments to the existing funding methodology be made to address the deficits that most providers are incurring, Coarc would reconsider expanding our Self-Directed and Fiscal Intermediary services. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact me at (518) 672-4451, ext. 2107 or via email at [kens@coarc.org](mailto:kens@coarc.org).

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Stall  
Chief Executive Officer

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