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ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. 20-22

TO: Senior Centers, Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Joyce Massey-Smith, Director

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DATE: November 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Virtual Programming Requirement for Certified Senior Centers

I. BACKGROUND

Due to the occurrence of the COVID pandemic, the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has witnessed a surge of virtual programming among the state's senior centers. DAAS feels strongly that virtual programming should continue to connect senior center participants and older adults in the community to engagement opportunities to alleviate loneliness and address social isolation. Therefore, a virtual programming requirement has been added to the certification materials.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Attached is the guidance associated with this requirement. This requirement becomes effective January 1, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding information, please contact Leslee Breen (leslee.breen@dhhs.nc.gov) or Selena Royal (Selena.royal@dhhs.nc.gov).

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Attachment

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