APPENDIX B

Community Navigator Agency's Attestation

Member:	
Name of Community Navigator completing attestation:	
Community Navigator agency:	
Name of person trained:	
Position of person trained (check one): Employer of Record	☐ Representative
Dates Self-direction Training provided:	

Following self-direction training, the Community Navigator agency is required to complete this attestation for consideration by Vaya Health. The purpose of this attestation is for the Community Navigator to identify areas of readiness for the member's services to be self-directed by the prospective Employer of Record (EOR) and Representative, if applicable. Please complete separate attestations for both the EOR and the Representative.

Training topic	Individual meets readiness criteria	Individual needs self-direction assistance
Has copies of all manuals and forms related to the Individual and Family Directed Services (IFDS) model selected, knows how to obtain additional forms and updates, and knows how to access the NCDHHS Innovations Waiver website and Vaya Health website		
Understands the differences between IFDS and provider- managed services		
Knows the difference between EOR and Agency with Choice (AWC) models of IFDS		
Understands a Representative may be appointed at any time, the Representative's role, and the process for appointing a Representative		
Understands how the Individual and IFDS budgets work, including what is included in each part of the budget and how to request additional funding in the IFDS Budget		
Knows how to complete the Financial Support Service Agreement (FSSA) and when and how to update it		
Knows how to contact the Community Navigator and FSSA		

Training topic	Individual meets readiness criteria	Individual needs self-direction assistance
Understands certain employment and payroll taxes need to be paid		
Understands workers' compensation is required and what it generally covers		
Understands and is able to comply with labor laws that apply to the model selected		
Understands staff qualifications for each service definition and the individual specific staff qualifications		
Knows how to write a job description and establish employee guidelines		
Understands how and where to recruit employees, including how to place a newspaper ad		
Is able to interview and request background checks for potential employees		
Knows how to request the auto-calculator, use the auto-calculator, and set employee pay rates and benefits		
Has a process for developing Employee Support Service Agreements, including the Employee Supervision Plan		
Has resources for employee training, knows the process for obtaining training paid by the FSSA, and has a plan or training protocols for any training the employer is providing		
Understands how to address problems with employees, including documenting those actions, firing employees, etc.		
Understands how to discharge an employee, including all required documentation needed by the FSSA		
Knows how to work with the Employee Security Commission should a former employee file an unemployment claim, including claims filed should the EOR decide to stop participating in the EOR model		
Has a plan for backup staffing and has selected a crisis services provider (if self-directing Community Living and Supports)		
Understands confidentiality requirements for both individual and employee documentation and has established methods for meeting those requirements		
Understands how to write/revise short-term goals and strategies for those goals based on long-range outcomes in the care plan		
Knows the difference between billable and non-billable time under Medicaid		

Training topic	Individual meets readiness criteria	Individual needs self-direction assistance		
Has developed emergency protocols, a plan for testing them, and a plan for documenting those tests				
Understands the purpose, use, and cost of Community Navigator services (orientation, training, periodic/monthly)				
Understands the care plan must be followed (service				
frequency and duration) and changes to it must be requested				
through the assigned care manager/care coordinator,				
including how to request additional Community Navigator				
services				
Knows how to manage the IFDS Budget				
Knows the difference between the administrative rate and				
the service reimbursement rate and what they cover under				
the EOR model				
Knows how to review the FSSA's Monthly Revenues and				
Expenditures Report, including how to work with the FSSA if				
there are problems with the report				
Understands service documentation requirements for the				
services provided				
Understands the requirements for training and supervising employees				
Understands the requirements for monitoring the provision of services				
Understands that the employer may choose to terminate IFDS or transfer to a different model at any time and understands that specific processes must be followed				
I attest that the above responses are true and accurate, as best known to me, and I understand that Vaya Health relies upon my attestation in determining the Employer of Record's and/or Representative's (if applicable) readiness to begin or continue self-directing Innovations Waiver services.				
Community Navigator's signature	Date signed			
cc: Assigned care manager/care coordinator				
Employer of Record/Representative assessed				
File				

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