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To: Core Rehabilitation Services (CRS) Vendors

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Subject: NYS CASE Training Extension

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The New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) requires CRS vendors to enroll their staff in NYS CASE trainings and complete the appropriate tier within two years from the start of the CRS contract or within two years from the staff’s hiring date. The due date for tier completion was slated for December 31, 2020 for those staff who began delivering services in January 2019.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on vendor operations, ACCES-VR is extending the due date for NYS CASE tier completion to **December 31, 2021**. All staff delivering services since the beginning of the CRS contract **must** finish the required classes for their tier at that time. A cursory review of each agency indicates that staff still have coursework to complete. Vendors must take full advantage of 1) the 1-year extension, 2) the option to waive specific classes and 3) the ability to take all NYS CASE trainings online. Please take this time to review what each of your staff needs for tier completion and have them register for any remaining classes. The ACCES-VR Quality Assurance (QA) Unit will review the training status of vendors as part of future monitoring visits.

If you have any questions about NYS CASE training requirements, or if your staff have concerns about completing their tier even with the extension, please email NYS CASE at nyscase@cornell.edu.

Thank you for your continued partnership with ACCES-VR to help individuals with disabilities achieve their vocational goals.