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**DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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**TOPIC: QVA Vendors Providing Augmentative Communication, Evaluation & Training under Speech (ST) & Occupational (OT) Therapy Services**

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**Qualified Vendor Application (QVA) Vendors**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is issuing this notification to Qualified Vendor Application Vendors that provide augmentative communication related services along with Occupational Therapy and/or Speech Therapy.

This message is intended to provide information on the current ST and OT services provided by the QVA Vendor community as it relates to the augmentative communication evaluation and training related services, background and updates on the Augmentative communication Evaluation & Training (ACET) solicitation and contract awards and upcoming deadlines.

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**Background and Updates**

Augmentative Communication evaluation and training was being authorized by the Division for QVA Vendors under ST and OT services. DDD evaluated this service and its applicability in reference to STA 92507, SEA 92506, OTA 97535, and OEA 97004. As a result, a competitive solicitation process was conducted and separate contract award was issued for the Division's on-going augmentative communication needs.

As part of the transition, DDD will no longer be authorizing augmentative communication training and evaluation services under the ST/OT service codes for QVA Vendors. All augmentative communication training and evaluation services shall be authorized under the ACET awarded vendors.

QVA Vendors are required to communicate with the DDD Augmentative Communications Unit about any authorizations for evaluation, installation, and training for augmentative communication services that may not be completed by the stated deadline in order for the proper transition of these members to other sources.

### ACET Solicitation & Awarded Vendors

ACET contract awards were issued to the following vendors with an effective date of February 1, 2016. Additional Information regarding the ACET vendors and services can be found in ProcureAz ([www.ProcureAz.gov](http://www.ProcureAz.gov)) under Augmentative Communication Devices and Accessories.

<u>Contract/Blankets #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Begin Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
<a href="#">ADES16-116127</a>	Assessment/Evaluation Augmentative Communication Evaluation and Training	THERAPY ONE LLC	02/01/2016	01/31/2017
<a href="#">ADES16-116128</a>	Assessment/Evaluation Augmentative Communication Evaluation and Training	MILEMARKERS THERAPY INC	02/01/2016	01/31/2017
<a href="#">ADES16-116129</a>	Assessment/Evaluation Augmentative Communication Evaluation and Training	SOUTHWEST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	02/01/2016	01/31/2017
<a href="#">ADES16-116130</a>	Assessment/Evaluation Augmentative Communication Evaluation and Training	ADVANCED THERAPY SOLUTIONS LLC	02/01/2016	01/31/2017
<b>DS1600383</b> InterAgency Service Agreement (ISA)	Assessment/Evaluation Augmentative Communication Evaluation and Training	ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS/NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY	02/01/2016	01/31/2017

- QVA Vendors interested in continuing to provide ACET services after March 31, 2016, may discuss subcontracting options with the above listed ACET awarded contracted vendors.
- The ACET contract and the QVA contract for ST/OT service are two separate agreements. Providers that hold both agreements need to refer to the requirements of each one separately.
- QVA Vendors will be allowed to transfer authorizations to the ACET for remaining hours, but must follow the instructions provided for the ACET Authorization Process.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- Effective April 1, 2016, DDD will no longer accept invoices or approve payment for ACET services rendered after March 31, 2016, for non-ACET vendors.
- All existing ACET service authorizations should be completed or fully transitioned to the ACET contracted vendors awarded under the competitive solicitation process by March 31, 2016.
- No new authorizations for ACET services will be issued to non-ACET vendors.

The Division values the continued support of our vendors in providing ST and OT services to our members. Questions related to this communication may be sent to: [DDDBusOpsProvRel@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDBusOpsProvRel@azdes.gov).

**Thank you**