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Everyone and thank you guys for joining us, as we have some of our continued efforts to provide training around the EA, services and the team. And as you probably know your dad provides ta, rotation efforts.

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Around all requests, and we try to ensure that the required components are there for compliance and as well as provide recommendations to assist in the implementation of the service.

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Each request that we get is evaluated on an individual basis, and because each request is going to be unique to those individuals needs.

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So, for example, a bathroom modification is a common request that we get that each 1 of those is going to look different based on the individual's needs and their current environment and accessibility.

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So, in our efforts to provide the.

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Best recommendations, and maybe the most expertise we can to the program we also contract with Missouri, inclusive housing to assist in training assessments recommendations, and the different problem solving situations that we encounter.

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So, are you that team consists of myself? Shelley brown, Jason, Elmore, and we also have Holly who is lead the assistant technology side of things and then Missouri housing.

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Our Missouri inclusive housing is Wayne Crawford and Chris Rodriguez.

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So,

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today we have this training in an effort to give information that's specific around the required evaluation and what is needed by that

evaluation as well as the other team members in making sure that this service is

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successful.

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So, as you can see, there are multiple team members in the IAE service, um, which is why it's going to be imperative that we have good written and verbal communication, um, all the services that are provided by the division require team input.

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Um, but I'm going to say that the EA, 1 may be a little more valuable, or maybe, even more important, maybe is the word I want to use or more significant due to the expertise that is provided by each 1 of the team members.

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So, as we know, we have the individual.

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Who's in the middle,

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and we have family or caregivers who know the needs of the individual best that information is passed on the who is an expert in their field of how to provide recommendations for XXX successful outcome for that individual those then are given

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to home on provider, a contractor who is an expert in the field of construction and an expert in the field of knowing what type of building needs are for that family and then we go on to the support coordinator.

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Who's an expert in the division, and in the authorizations, and in the funding processes.

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So it's important that each 1 of these E, all individuals have the, the input and our part of the team in order to make sure we have the most successful outcome.

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And to start with, we're going to just do a quick overview of the IAE process.

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Um, and so, as you can see, the 1st need is to, of course, identify what the need is of that individual next would be to request the evaluation of that identified need.

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Um, and then make sure that we have the identified accessibility issue, listed the SC, receives the evaluation and distributes it to contractors for possible bids. And then after those bids are received and reviewed with the individual and.

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A bit is selected and the service coordinator will request that service from the regional office with the funding upon approval of that funding and service. The service can typically begin and then is monitored by the service coordinator, Intel completion.

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So, if you have any more questions, or want details of how that process works, you can see the link right there below of a recorded webinar that we did and that will go through that entire process. So, I'm going to go ahead and turn this over to Jason.

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Who's going to get us started with.

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The specifics of the process.

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All right thanks, Shelley. Ah, yeah, so I'm going to take us through the actual service definition as we find it in the.

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The waiver manual and that's where we find.

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The intent and scope of the service as well as some of the limitations of the service.

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And going through, this is just intended to really give.

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You better understanding of familiarity with the general requirements, and some of those limitations of the service, and hopefully that results in better collaboration and better outcomes.

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When you're working with a team that's sick and funding through this.

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Particular service, um, so the.

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Iae service definition starts off with this section here and this is the exact wording pulled from the manual, but it's just broken up. So that's easier to read.

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But it starts up with this section and these 3 items are generally generally what the division looks at when deciding.

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Whether to approve a, a funding request.

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So, uh, this reads that.

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Environmental accessibility adaptations are those physical adaptations required by the ISP, which are necessary to.

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Ensure the health welfare and safety of the individual.

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Which enabled in the individual to function with greater independence in the community.

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And without which the individual would require institutionalization.

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So, the intent of the service is really to improve accessibility and, uh, any justification for the service needs to tie in to some aspect of accessibility and.

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And you might find that that last item on that slide where it says, um.

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Without which the individual require institutionalization, it's basically saying that the person's, um, possibly at risk for not being able to remain in their home. So that's really an essential.

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Kind of overarching aspect of the.

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What the team needs to look at when, uh, requesting.

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A homework vehicle modification and.

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So these are good to, um, really be familiar with the whole team.

Actually, um, is good to be familiar with these.

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3 criteria that the division looks at.

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In determining, uh, if it if it meets criteria for the surface.

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So, this side goes on to give some examples of things that would typically be covered.

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Through the service, it's not a definitive list, but it kind of gives you a good idea of the types of things that would qualify for the EA service.

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So, such agitations may include the installation of ramps, grab bars, widening of doorways.

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Modification of bathroom facilities, which is a.

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Really common 1 that we see and also installation of special specialized electric and plumbing systems, which are necessary to accommodate some medical equipment and supplies, which are necessary for the welfare of the individual.

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So.

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Um, that kind of gives you an idea of what the service isn't, you know, could possibly cover. The last item is an interesting 1 because.

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While the service doesn't cover specific, uh, you know, the standalone pieces of medical.

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Equipment it does, it can cover some of the infrastructure needed to maybe support those, those equipment, uh, for example, you know,

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some specialized wiring or electrical components that are necessary for something like.

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A portable backup generator or something.

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They can handle multiple medical devices without overloading the circuit or something along those lines.

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So those are some good examples. The next section, um, goes on to describes, um.

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Examples of things that would not be covered by the EA service. So.

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Says it shall exclude adaptations or improvements to the home, which are not of direct medical.

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Or remedial benefit to the waiver individual, such as carpeting.

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Roof repair central air conditioning extruder so anything that doesn't have a direct impact on the person's.

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Ability to access their homework, prove their access to their home.

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Probably not be covered by the service.

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So those will include things such as any type of repair or general maintenance to the home.

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Um, just due to typical wear and tear or also things that are just for strictly entertainment or enjoyment purposes would not be covered by the a service.

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So, an example, something that may benefit an individual might be, let's say, for a child and outdoor play house might be therapeutic and have some beneficial things associated with it for the person.

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However, that's not something that the EA service would cover.

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Because it doesn't have anything to do with accessing the home or vehicle.

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So, while, you know, it doesn't give a definitive list of what's what can, or can't be covered. It kind of gives you a good framework to give you an idea of the types of things that.

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Would be okay, another thing, uh, that the waiver definition service definition says that the attitude adaptation to add.

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To the total square footage of the home are excluded from this benefit, except when necessary to complete in adaptation. So, something like a whole room edition or.

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You know, in addition to the home, just to give some extra living space or adding a sunroom, something like that would not be funded through the a service.

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But if you have something, for example, if you have a bathroom.

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Where you have a layout of the house, we're the only option to get more space to add some turning radius or to installer adequately sized rolling shower is.

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You know, you'd be forced to maybe bump out the outer wall, a couple of feet to make all the accommodations suitable for the individual. That could possibly be something that, uh.

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Uh, it could be covered, so.

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Um, that type of thing might be, uh, put under consideration.

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Okay, so that that covers some of the language and the service definition uh, we're going to go on to talk about some of the justification and.

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Um, how that ties justification is, uh, tied into some components of the evaluation.

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So, as with all services are being paid for, with Medicaid waiver, funds,
the need for the service.

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Has to be justified and for the EA service.

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Some of that justification will come from the individual or the family or
the support team, or for the caregivers might be.

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But for the EA service, a critical piece of that justification is going
to come from.

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The or PTs evaluation.

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And that evaluation is that required component of the service.

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Uh, to request the dmhc funding, and it's, you know, 1 of the 1st steps
in the process.

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So, in that evaluation, the therapist is going to be able to identify.

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Precisely, what is needed and why it's needed.

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And that might include some historical data as well as, uh.

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Some other details that might help strengthen that justification.

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And those evaluations not only provide the justification for the funding,
but also.

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Um, serve as kind of an outline for the work that the home of vehicle modification contractors.

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Need in order to create their bids and, uh, Chris is going to dive into the, that a little bit more on later.

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And the next few slides, we're just going to talk about some of the.

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Ideal information that an evaluation would contain to give a clear picture of why.

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The modification is needed, and these are things that the division.

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Um, of developmental disabilities looks for to help determine approval.

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Of waiver funds for the the EA service, so.

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It's usually the case that when there's a well written evaluation.

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That really presents a clear picture of what's needed and why it's needed. There's usually a lot less questions that go back and forth between the regional offices and, you know, trying to clarify things.

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Uh, and that sort of thing. So.

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It results in a much more a smooth process.

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So, the 1st, um.

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Section is ideally going to cover what the functional characteristics of the.

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Individual are, and this would include a general description of their abilities as well as what areas they might need support with. So, for example.

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Do they have difficulties standing reaching the other balance issues?

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Stamina issues are they able to navigate steps?

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Do they use mobility, AIDS, things like that? So that there really helps kind of.

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Start off to describe what the status of the individual is.

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The next component that the division looks for is the description of what the current environmental barriers.

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Or so, what is it about the Homer vehicle that's not working for the individual and how is it limiting their independence or safety?

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So, for example, this picture is a good representation of something that, uh, we might see.

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Um, the evaluation might stay that the doorway.

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It's too narrow for an individual's wheelchair, preventing the person from being able to access the bedroom or the bathroom.

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Independently, and this is where historical data could also be helpful, distract them the justification. So.

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For example, if there's a barrier with accessing the shower, you might include some past incidents of where.

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The individual has fallen on different occasions, or due to step in trying to step over the tub, but when they have poor balance issues.

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Or, maybe the caregiver has entered their back several times in the past and that's posing a risk for not being able to care for the individual.

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So things like that, details and information along those lines can really go a long way and to.

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Strengthening a justification for the service.

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And the final component, um, that the division.

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Really looks for is the list of specific modifications that would be.

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Identified and recommended to, um.

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Make the individuals access to the home or vehicle possible.

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Or improved, um.

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And ideally, this would include a description of how the modifications.

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Would meet the needs of the individual. So, for example, um, you want to include what modification is needed.

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And using the bathroom as an example again, because we see that so commonly, uh, maybe the modification needed is converting the standard tub.

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And shower combo into a 0 entry rolling shower.

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And how does that benefit the individual? It might be something.

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Such as it would eliminate the need for transfers into the shower area.

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Decreasing the risk of injury to the individual or caregiver, and also allow.

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The individual today, it's more independently so again.

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The division would like to see what my vacation is recommended and how the modification.

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Would benefit the individual and so this is a, um, a link to, uh,

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an option and PT evaluation form that we sorted developed.

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As a tool that can be used, and it can be found on the website.

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And we know a lot of you may already have your own formats or your own form that you utilize.

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And, uh, you know, suit the purpose and that's that's great. If you're able to get all the needed information in there.

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Um, that's great. You know, continue using that. Um, but if you.

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Would like to see this form and consider using it.

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It's an optional form again. It's not a requirement, but we just created as a tool.

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If needed, so if you want to take a look at it and you think it might be useful for you.

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You can feel free to use it. That'd be great. And even if you want to just take a look at it and see kind of a user as a refresher.

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To what kind of information that the division wants to see it has all that in there, laid out in a format that's easy to read and also contains some bullet points.

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As to what else, what other types of information you might want to consider, including in the evaluation that would.

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Really be helpful, so feel free to check that out at that link. I can also type it into the chat box. So you have that copy and paste if you wanted to do that.

154 "Jason Elmore" (1752398080)

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But, yeah, so that's kind of an overview of the service description and some of the components that the division.

155 "Jason Elmore" (1752398080)

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It looks for as far as information that they're needing so.

156 "Jason Elmore" (1752398080)

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I will now turn it over to Chris, who will get into some other information on the contractor side.

157 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Good morning everyone, um, I'm I'm really happy that we're able to do this. Um.

158 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Training and discussion this morning on the modifications, uh, I've had the opportunity to go out in the field and meet with the number of, uh.

159 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Of you, and I want to thank all the physical therapists and occupational therapists that are on the phone that have, uh, sent stuff in. So we can make projects more successful.

160 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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What I'm going to be talking about is about the components of the evaluation, and just a few things to, uh, keep in mind, uh, when evaluations are being done uh.

161 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Because these are the things that are going to be used by the contractors, and when we get out into the field and, and they're trying to work on these projects, uh, there's a few things that have been very, very helpful. So.

162 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, sometimes specific details that are needed to ensure and item works for to.

163 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:19:55.409 --> 00:19:59.879

Uh, particular individual is very helpful such as if you recommend a.

164 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Walk in type tab with the door located on the left hand side and which way the door's going to swing uh, it's very important. Uh, so not having enough detail. Can sometimes lead to undesirable outcomes.

165 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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And we've had situations where we've had the walk in tubs, put in and the door actually.

166 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:20:20.009 --> 00:20:32.399

Was put in the wrong direction. Uh, so sometimes that kind of detail is really important. Um, so just recommending the tab. Uh, sometimes there's not always, uh, work.

167 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:20:32.399 --> 00:20:37.079

Um, for the contractor, they may need a little bit more specific information.

168 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:20:37.079 --> 00:20:47.489

The other thing that's important is that when, um, there's certain dimensions that are needed, uh, for the individual, it may be better just recommending.

169 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, a minimum dimension better than recommending a precise dimension. Uh, that way it allows a little bit of flexibility with the contractors to work, uh, with the structural limitations in the home that that may be needed.

170 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, so, if the shower with a minimum length of 60 inches or wider doorway, or a doorway may need to be widened to a minimum of 32 inches. Uh, and they could go. go

171 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Beyond that if needed, and it would still meet the needs. So sometimes the structure of the home kind of dictates, uh, if we can do an exact measurement or not.

172 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Also, we want to be cautious about recommending specific brands of products. Uh, if there is a possibility that those may not be able to be obtained by the contractor, or they may not work within the structure of the home.

173 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Um, an example, this might be a handheld shower 1, uh, with the sliding vertical bar. If that's something that they need versus recommending an installation of a Delta, a specific Delta type.

174 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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With the settings and different things like that for the sliding bar that, uh, might be difficult and we appreciate the information around those products because it does help give, uh,

175 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:22:09.204 --> 00:22:21.954

some information about the type of product that we need. Uh, sometimes we may have to get back with the physical therapist of occupational therapist, just to confer on the, the products that would work in the home.

176 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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The other, uh, area that's that's helpful and certainly have had appreciated these on the, when we, when we get those are, uh, visual, uh, drawings, or pictures of the home, uh,

177 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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can be very helpful for the entire team as well. Those reviewing the.

178 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:22:41.249 --> 00:22:53.454

The funding request to get a better understanding of the proposed modification and what the home looks like. And and what, uh, changes are needed to support the individual in their homes.

179 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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So anytime we can get visuals or drawings of the home and is very helpful. Uh, especially for doing any kind of follow up.

180 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, and we're not close by the home, or we're, uh, you know, several hours away instead of.

181 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Driving there, we can see some of the things and and talk about, uh, what features are gonna work the best or situations that they're running into with structural, uh, type situations in the home when, uh,

182 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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putting in the home modification.

183 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Skips up so I think I'm.

184 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:23:33.389 --> 00:23:46.829

Jump on a slide here. Um, so here's, uh, just a couple of examples on things to consider um.

185 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:23:46.829 --> 00:23:52.319

On those doors, especially for those tabs which way the door needs to swing the width.

186 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:23:52.319 --> 00:23:56.579
Uh, a bit what will fit in the home um.

187 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:23:56.579 --> 00:24:07.739
You know, within the area in the space that they have in the home to put in the, uh, the walk in tubs that's very helpful information, uh, for the contractor.

188 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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Um, and these are just a couple of examples there of that.

189 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:24:12.479 --> 00:24:24.329
The next thing, uh, that we want to talk about is on the vehicle modifications, uh, the environment, um, the funding does allow for.

190 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:24:24.329 --> 00:24:29.909
Uh, in the waiver for vehicle modifications.

191 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:24:29.909 --> 00:24:42.449
A couple things that, uh, we need to know, we still need to know the evaluation, uh, that there is a need for, uh, the modification in the vehicle and for vehicles that are.

192 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:24:42.449 --> 00:24:48.989
That already have the installations and modifications done, uh, the services.

193 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:24:48.989 --> 00:24:56.039
The funding is only going to cover the cost of the adaptation in the vehicle. It will not cover the cost of the vehicle.

194 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:24:56.039 --> 00:25:07.314
So, in these cases where there's a vehicle with with the adaptation already in there, the evaluation is still, uh, required, uh, for that.

195 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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However, the, we need to know that and the therapist needs to confirm that the particular modification. Um, that's already in the vehicle will work for the individual to meet their needs, uh, to help them access.

196 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, the vehicle, uh, the other thing are there safety concerns related to accessibility, or do modifications benefit the individual directly so, uh,

197 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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there are various factors and limitations that it can affect the ability to modify a home or a vehicle using labor funds and we're gonna go over some of the more common ones that the team should be aware of,

198 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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the waiver could be considered.

199 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:25:51.779 --> 00:25:56.129

For safety issues that directly impact the individual's ability.

200 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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To access the home or vehicle, um, or impact the supports that they receive uh, there may be a potential for health and safety issues in the home or vehicle that need to be addressed,

201 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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but if they relate more to the repair or maintenance, uh, the waiver would not fund it, so that's something to consider when.

202 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, submitting the physical therapist or occupational therapist, uh, evaluations that we.

203 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:26:28.229 --> 00:26:41.489

The waiver will not pay for repairs of things that are already existing in the home. Um, and so we just need to focus on the supports that the individual needs. Uh, so it may not.

204 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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You know, the threshold may not be working and it may be worn out and everything that's there but we just need to talk about the threshold that is needed for the individual to be able to access the room to access, uh, the bedroom.

205 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Because sometimes the repairs are kind of an automatic thing if a contractor's going in, they're gonna have to remove something that's there anyway. And it may be something that was already in disrepair, but we don't.

206 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Pay for, and the contractor cannot bid on repairs or maintenance, uh, of those types of items.

207 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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For the individual, or or in the home.

208 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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The other thing that's important to remember too, is that when we, when an evaluation is completed, there may be a number of things that the individual needs in their home.

209 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Um, and it's important to note that the service right now the maximum, uh, budget.

210 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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That they can, uh, request is 10,000 dollars. Now if there are.

211 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:27:47.339 --> 00:27:55.019

Uh, if it does go over 10,000 dollars, we're still requesting that those bids come in because sometimes there's alternate.

212 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Funding they can assess, but the contractors.

213 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, cannot split a bid into, uh, multiple projects so we can't just do part of the bathroom now because we only had that much money and then wait for another funding year to do the other half.

214 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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And so it's real important that the, uh.

215 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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That the individual's goals are outlined in the evaluation, and that there is a priority given to a certain features. So they may need to.

216 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Um, to look at those things, which are most important to the individual at this time, what the priority for the caregiver, what the priority for the family and note that in the,

217 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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uh, evaluation. So that when the contractor gets the, uh, evaluation.

218 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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They can bid on specifically the item that is prioritized. Um, and that helps a lot with the funding doesn't mean that they don't need those other things, but at this point in time, this is a priority for the individual.

219 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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And this is what's going to be requested for the funds is to get this particular, uh, modification completed in that person's home.

220 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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Uh, and so we've had a number of those, we've been able to work with, uh, the support coordinator and the contractor, and, uh, helping develop and prioritize those items.

221 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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And then, of course, the family and the individual need to be involved in those conversations to determine what is going to be the priority for the, uh, project for the particular time frame that they're getting the funding.

222 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
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Huh so there are.

223 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:29:54.569 --> 00:29:57.929
I keep jumping here. Am I missing.

224 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:30:01.679 --> 00:30:05.219
Uh, so there are some, uh.

225 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:30:05.219 --> 00:30:11.219
Limitations for the home providers and that the EA service will only pay.

226 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:30:11.219 --> 00:30:21.924
Uh, contracted providers to, to, for work recommended in the valley evaluation contractors are very dependent on the evaluation to develop accurate bids.

227 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)
00:30:22.224 --> 00:30:28.734

And that's kind of what we were talking about there that it's so important that, uh, it's very clear in their what their priorities are.

228 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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So that when the contractors, uh, start doing the bidding that they are able to, uh, specifically, um, Ben on the items that are needed, uh.

229 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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For that particular project.

230 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:30:44.879 --> 00:30:53.879

And then the other thing, too, collaboration with home modification providers providers may suggest alternative options. Uh.

231 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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If there are potential issues regarding space or structural feasibility, and we've run into a number of these 4 things, uh, had to be changed.

232 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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And I, I think the physical therapist in, uh, occupational therapist, when we went back and visited with them, that they were able to adjust the evaluation or amend the evaluation. But still meet the outcome of the individual.

233 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Um, and but collaborate with that contractor on what uh, because of the.

234 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:31:23.879 --> 00:31:34.649

The structure of the home or existing, uh, problems in the homework, the particular item or modification, uh, would not.

235 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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From the original evaluation would not be feasible to go into that home.

236 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Um, it's very so, that's a really important thing to remember, um, that we come together and we do some brainstorming and I, again, we, thank you all for participating in those discussions.

237 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, once the, uh, the bid has been awarded that we can go back and and Relook at those things. Uh, we've had a number of those come in.

238 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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And so it's been, it's been very good that we, we're able to collaborate with all the parties in the team.

239 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:32:08.879 --> 00:32:13.679

Like, Shelley mentioned before, if there is an an adjustment that needs to be made.

240 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, I did want to mention 1 of the thing about, um.

241 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Photos and pictures of products and things if you're using, uh.

242 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:32:25.439 --> 00:32:37.109

Photos or what is going to be the ideal situation for the person. And 1 of the things to keep in mind is that the family will be getting a copy of those things. And sometimes.

243 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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If the, if you thin pictures in of like, a really nice wet room in a bathroom or some very nice features in the home, sometimes the family may think though that's what the.

244 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Final product it's going to look like and but those.

245 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Pictures may not represent exactly what the funding can pay for. Uh, that's in there. So it's just something to keep in mind so that we're on a clear page with the family. Uh, the other thing I want to mention too, is that.

246 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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If they're once a product, or once the project is completed.

247 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, if we're asked to go in and do a walk through or an evaluation, the 1st document that we go to is that evaluation and we walk through that and we walk through the project to ensure that.

248 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, met all the specifications that were in the evaluation, uh, with regard to minimum measurements with regard to products with regard to the things that were recommended by, um,

249 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:33:42.534 --> 00:33:56.274

the physical therapist. And so it's really, you know, those, this document that the evaluation that we get is kind of the cornerstone when we're looking at is this project completed? Was it done, uh, correctly?

250 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Does it meet all the outcomes?

251 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:33:58.284 --> 00:34:06.924

Uh, that were, uh, identified in the, and in the physical therapist and evaluation. So that's really important. Now.

252 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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Uh, we work through these things that the contractor has a clear understanding what's on the evaluation, uh, prior to starting the work.

253 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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And, um, again, like, if there's any assistance needed, uh, by the team, which is universal design and the system technology team, uh, they're, uh.

254 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:34:30.839 --> 00:34:45.204

The number 1 contact to go to, uh, if Mo, how things going to get involved and they, they would contact myself, uh, or Mo housing and if we need to go out and and look at some things or meet with the team,

255 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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then we're certainly able to do that through the referrals that we get from the universal design and assistive technology team.

256 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:34:52.859 --> 00:34:58.169

Um, I think that's the last slide I have, I hope that.

257 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:34:58.169 --> 00:35:09.269

This was a good helpful overview of the evaluation and and what an important component it is in the, uh.

258 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:35:09.269 --> 00:35:22.709

In doing the home modifications and vehicle modifications for individuals, and we look forward to working with everyone. Uh, we think

that things are already starting to to get a little bit smoother as a result of just.

259 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:35:22.709 --> 00:35:30.659

These conversations that we're having with everyone, uh, around this time, this service that that's being provided. So we, thank you very much.

260 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

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And I think that's all I have for today. They again the, if you have questions, the chat box is there.

261 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:35:41.489 --> 00:35:56.129

We'll be pulling all those, um, questions out of there and getting back, uh, to either the individuals or putting a document together and then sending that back out, uh, for all the viewers that were on the, the call this morning.

262 "Cris Rodriguez" (3155569152)

00:35:57.779 --> 00:35:59.129

Thank you.