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Division: Health and Long
Term Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Care At Home IV

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM

The purpose of this LCM is to notify the local districts that effective September 1, 1994 a new 200 slot Care At Home Medicaid Model Waiver Program called Care at Home IV, (CAH IV) has been approved. Like CAH III, CAH IV will serve children who would be eligible for placement in an Intermediary Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR).

The WMS restriction/exception identifier code for CAH IV is Code 65.

DSS Impact

The additional 200 slots enable the Developmental Disabilities Service Organizations (DDSOs), and the regional offices of the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) to begin processing their backlog of applications. Some of the children whose applications are being processed for CAH IV had originally applied for CAH III. At the time of their CAH III application a Medicaid eligibility determination may have been done by the local district for the purpose of verifying that the child would not have been eligible for Medicaid if the parents' income and resources were deemed available to the child but would have been eligible if only the child's income and resources were counted. Social services districts should take the necessary steps to re-establish Medicaid eligibility for Care at Home for these children.

In addition to processing the waiting list, the DDSOs may also choose to move children from the OMRDD HCBS waiver into CAH IV. The Medicaid eligibility criteria for children in the OMRDD HCBS waiver differ from the Medicaid eligibility criteria for children in the CAH programs. The OMRDD HCBS waiver admits children who would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid as well as children who are only eligible under the waiver of parental deeming rules. Only children who would not be eligible for Medicaid if their parent's income and resources were deemed available to them should be moved from the OMRDD HCBS waiver into CAH IV.

Once a child has been determined to meet all of the eligibility requirements for admittance into CAH IV, a joint acceptance letter from OMRDD and this Department will be sent to the social services district clearly indicating that the child has been admitted into CAH IV and that Code 65 will need to be entered in the recipient restriction/exception identifier section of the child's WMS record.

As with CAH III, there is no local district financial participation in the cost of Medicaid services provided to children in CAH IV.

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