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Program Memo

Updated Information on Temporary Moratorium on Application and Enrollment in Home and Community Based Medicaid Waivers

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The state Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) continues to work in coordination with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve compliance with federal standards in the areas of Home and Community Based Waivers and Personal Care Services.

SDS offers the following clarifications regarding the suspension of application and enrollment for all four waiver programs: Children with Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC), Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD) Older Alaskan (OA) and Adults with Physical Disabilities (APD). This program memo supersedes the program memo "Temporary Moratorium on Application and Enrollment in Home and Community Based Medicaid Waivers and Personal Care Assistance Services" issued July 1, 2009.

1. The following will not be processed until further notice:
    a. New/initial applications for Waiver services,
    b. CCMC Screenings and initial assessments,
    c. Developmental Disabilities Registry selections,
    d. Initial Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) requests for assessment,
    e. Requests for transitions from institutional care to Waiver services, or
    f. Requests to transfer from one Waiver to another, except in the case of aging out of a waiver program.
2. No initial assessments for Waiver services will be conducted on or after July 2, 2009.
3. **Complete applications submitted to SDS will be tracked and held pending a lifting of the moratorium.** Incomplete application packets may be returned to the applicant.
4. Processing of initial completed assessments for Waiver services has ceased effective close of business July 1, 2009.

This suspension of new applications ***does not*** apply to the following:

1. **Personal Care Assistance** (effective August 12, 2009)
2. **Applicants who have had their level of care and financial eligibility determined prior to June 27, 2009**
3. **Individuals aging out of CCMC Waiver or APD Waiver applying for another Waiver program for which they might be eligible,**
4. Renewal/reauthorization, amendment of services,

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Suspension of new applications ***does not*** apply to following, continued:

5. Transfers from one service provider to another within a program,
6. Medicaid eligibility, including Denali KidCare and TEFRA Medicaid,
7. Nursing Home admissions,
8. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded admissions,
9. Requests for determination of developmental disability,
10. Request for placement or update on the Developmental Disability Registry,
11. Grant services, or
12. General Relief services.

All affected applicants will be notified in writing. Please visit our web site for the most up to date information: http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/cmsreview/Default.htm. Your questions may be directed to Angela Salerno at 465-4874 or angela.salerno@alaska.gov.

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