

Medicaid Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council

December 2012 Report

Waiver Updates

New Opportunities Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	8,832
Recipients Linked and Certified	8,008 as of 11/28/11

Children's Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	1,475 (including 425 opportunities reserved for children who meet state-funded family support priority level 1 or 2)
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,310 (includes 344 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 11/28/11

- An amendment to the Children's Choice Waiver was submitted to CMS on October 1, 2011. The purpose of this amendment is to add self-direction as a service delivery option, and add additional services, including specialized medical equipment & supplies and alternative therapy services. This amendment also included the authority for support coordinators to perform operational functions for designated level of care re-evaluations and for approval of participant's service plans.

Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	2,050
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,779 as of 11/28/11

Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	210
Recipients Linked and Certified	27 as of 11/28/11

- MVA and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the ROW, which is set to expire September 30, 2012.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	825
Recipients Linked and Certified	720 as of 12/05/11

Community Choices Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	4,603 (includes 75 opportunities reserved for the ALS priority group)
Recipients Linked and Certified	4,415 as of 12/05/11

Money Follows the Person

- Approximately 210 individuals have transitioned through the MFP program since fall 2009. Year-to-date, approximately 112 individuals have transitioned through the MFP program.
- MFP and the state Medicaid Infrastructure grantee are partnering to find ways to build into the transition process and educational materials, information about the Ticket-to-Work initiative and the Medicaid Purchase Plan, a Medicaid program designed to help former SSI and RSDI beneficiaries buy into Medicaid coverage if their employment earnings result in ineligibility for SSA programs.
- The Quality of Life survey contractor began work in April and continues to timely collect survey data at transition and at the 11-month and 24-month follow-ups.
- MVA continues to collaborate with OBH to leverage the 1915i state plan amendment into the MFP demonstration.

Self-Direction

- There are currently 128 recipients participating in the self-direction option, as of November 29, 2011.

General Medicaid Issues Affecting the DD Population

Budget Reductions

For FY12, as HB1 stands today, we are fortunate that no new provider cuts are anticipated to be made to the DD population.

Statewide Management Organization Contract

Act 343 of the 2007 Regular Legislative Session directed DHH to establish a Statewide Management Organization (SMO) to oversee all behavioral health services. An SMO contract will allow Medicaid to better utilize the services which exist, cut costs per individual served, reduce fraud, increase the use of evidence-based interventions among providers and increase the availability of qualified mental health providers throughout the state. An SMO contract also has the potential to reduce redundancies throughout state agencies, expand services including substance abuse treatment and residential services, and target youth at risk for out of home placements.

As a result of the RFP process, Magellan was chosen as the SMO for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership. Behavioral health managed care is expected to begin statewide March 1, 2012.