

# Medicaid Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council

September 30, 2009

## Waiver/ICF Updates

### New Opportunities Waiver

Opportunities Allocated: 8,682  
Opportunities Filled: 6,511

- Resource Allocation has been approved by CMS.
- 2025 slots funded by the NOW trust fund are now being offered and 815 are filled as of 9/25/2009.
- Effective 2/1/2009 rates for NOW were reduced by 3.5% (excluding professional services, nursing services, PERS, environmental modifications and transition services). Impact on future rates changes cannot be determined until after the 2009 Legislative Session.

### Children's Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated: 1,050  
Opportunities Filled: 997

- The waiver was up for renewal in 2008/2009. Medicaid and OCDD worked to provide CMS with all requested information. The waiver was renewed on February 10, 2009 and extended for five (5) years.

### Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated: 2,050  
Opportunities Filled: 1,698

- This waiver is up for renewal. Medicaid and OCDD staff submitted the packet to CMS. CMS has responded with several clarifying questions but we expect renewal by July 1, 2009.

### Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated: 210  
Opportunities Filled: 0

- This waiver is not yet approved by CMS. In last two weeks, CMS and DHH have been in close contact with further clarifications. CMS has indicated they have no more questions and appear ready to approve the waiver.

## **Money Follows the Person Update**

- In March the first person entered MFP and accepted a Children's Choice Waiver opportunity.
- Thirteen (13) more recipients have signed Consent Forms committing to transition via MFP.
- Programming and procedural issues are complete.

## **Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)**

- Effective February 20, 2009 payments to ICFs were reduced by 3.5%
- Effective 9/1/2009 the rates were raised 1.59% to offset some of the February decrease.
- Leave day payments were reduced from 100% of the daily rate to 75% of the rate.

## **General Medicaid Issues Affecting the DD Population**

### **Budget Reductions**

- Continued budget deficit may result in further budget cuts to all Medicaid providers. This may result in rate reductions to waiver and ICF providers in SFY 09-10. Future rates changes cannot be determined until Medicaid completes its first forecast in November.

### **DSP Providing Services in Hospital**

CMS responded that DSP can be paid to be retained for up to 30 days with a waiver amendment that reimburses for providing services. But in a hospital setting, DSP services is not reimbursable.