

# REPORT TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

## Bureau of Health Services Financing (Medicaid) January, 2015

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### **Status of Current Initiatives:**

**Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS):** Advisory Group meetings continue to be held, with the last one held on December 11, 2014. Two more advisory groups are planned for OCDD to hold further discussions concerning the MLTSS process for the population with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. Dates for those meetings are scheduled for February 5, 2015 and March 5, 2015. Information for Managed Long Term Supports and Services can be found at [www.makingmedicaidbetter.com](http://www.makingmedicaidbetter.com), under the “managed long term care” heading on the left side headings. The projected timeline MLTSS serving persons who are aging and those with adult-onset disabilities is as follows: Request for Proposal (RFP) release – early 2015, with implementation scheduled for Fall 2015. The projected timeline for MLTSS serving persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities: Request for Proposals release – early 2015, with implementation scheduled for early 2016. If you are interested in making comments or providing feedback on Managed Long Term Supports and Services, please send those to LongTermCare@la.gov.

**Bayou Health Reprocurement:** All five (5) responders to the The Request for Proposals were selected to be awarded a contract under Bayou Health. The 5 plans will be: Aetna, AmeriaGroup, AmeriHealth Caritas, Louisiana Health Care Connections and United Health Care.

**Implementation of ABA:** State Plan for licensed providers to deliver ABA services under Medicaid was approved by CMS for services as of February 1, 2014. Services must be prior authorized through the Molina prior authorization process. Services are available to children/youth from birth through age 20 for whom they are medically necessary. A clinical diagnostic evaluation that recommends ABA is required for this service. As of December 15, 2014 there were 47 enrolled providers statewide. If you have questions about ABA, how to access those services, how to locate a provider, or any other questions, please call this toll-free number: **1-844-423-4762**.

**Behavioral Health Integration:** The Department has decided to integrate specialized behavioral health services into the Bayou Health program effective December 1, 2015. Until that time, specialized behavioral health services, which have been provided by

Magellan under the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, will continue to be provided by Magellan.

**All HCBS Waiver participants may opt in to Bayou Health for acute services beginning July 1, 2014. There is no “opt-in” period, but if a person opts-in and then “opts-out,” s/he cannot opt back in until open enrollment period.**

**Take Charge Plus:** This is a new Medicaid family planning program which replaced the family planning waiver, known as Take Charge. Take Charge Plus

- Provides coverage for both males and females of child-bearing age;
- Increases the number of family planning visits to seven (7) per year;
- Pays for testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections; and
- Provides non-emergency medical transportation to family planning appointments.

For more information, please call: (888) 342-6207

## **HCBS INFORMATION:**

### **New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)**

Opportunities Allocated	<b>9,032</b> (8,832 + 200 new slots)
Recipients Linked and Certified	<p><b>8,490</b> as of 12/14/14</p> <p><b>96%</b> of slots are certified</p> <p>Current registry date is <b>08/18/04</b></p> <p><b>Anticipated # of slots to be phased in:</b></p> <p>October 2014 – 50            November 2014 – 90            December 2014 – 79</p> <p>Waiver offers (7/1/14-12/14/14):  <b>692</b></p>

### **Children’s Choice Waiver**

Opportunities Allocated	<b>1,475</b> (including 425 opportunities reserved for children who meet state-funded family support priority level 1 or 2)
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Recipients Linked and Certified	<b>1,122</b> (includes 352 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 12/14/14.  <b>77%</b> of slots are certified  Current registry date is <b>11/30/14</b> .
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### Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	<b>2,050</b>
Recipients Linked and Certified	<b>1,545</b> as of 12/14/14  <b>75%</b> of slots certified  Current registry date is <b>2/29/12</b>  <b>Anticipated # of slots to be phased in:</b>  October 2014 – 15  November 2014- 25  December 2014 – 25  Waiver offers (7/1/14-12/4/14): <b>885</b>

### Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	<b>210</b>
Recipients Linked and Certified	<b>31</b> as of 12/4/14  <b>15%</b> of slots certified

### Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	<b>825</b>
Recipients Linked and Certified	<b>696</b> as of 12/4/14  84% of slots certified

	<p>Current registry date is <b>02/28/2014</b></p> <p><b>Anticipated # of slots to be phased in:</b></p> <p>December 2014 – 10</p> <p>Waiver offers (7/1/14-12/4/14): <b>3,771</b></p>
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### Community Choices Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	<b>5303</b>
Recipients Linked and Certified	<p><b>4,529</b> as of 12/4/14</p> <p><b>88%</b> of slots certified (percentage does not include slots reserved for the ALS priority group or emergency waiver slots)</p> <p>Current registry date is 02/03/2009</p> <p><b>Anticipated # of slots to be phased in:</b></p> <p>December 2014- 75</p> <p>Waiver offers (7/1/2014-12/4/14): <b>2,710</b></p>

- OAAS continues to make offers to fill the waiver slots that were appropriated in Governor Jindal's 2015 executive budget.

## **Permanent Supportive Housing**

- OAAS and OCDD continue to assist participants to transition into Permanent Supportive Housing. There are currently **2,396** households in Permanent Supportive Housing.

## **Money Follows the Person**

- Since fall 2009, approximately **1,082** individuals have transitioned through the MFP program from qualified institutions (hospitals, nursing facilities, and supports and services centers); Year-to-date, through (12/4/14) **246** individuals have transitioned.

## **Balancing Incentive Program**

- The state was awarded the BIP grant in April 2013 in order to stimulate greater access to non-institutionally based long-term services and supports (LTSS).The funding is available through September 30, 2015 to be used to increase access to non-institutional LTSS or expand or enhance offerings/access.

## **Self-Direction**

- There are currently **471** individuals participating in the self-direction option, as of 9/10/14.
- The RFP for a fiscal employer agent was awarded to PALCO on 11/21/2014; however, ACUMEN filed a protest on December 3, 2014 and an emergency contract has been submitted to the Division of Administration to keep the incumbent in place for up to six months in order to accommodate the Stay-of-Award Process while the protest/appeal is decided.

## Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

- The CSoC waiver enrollment totaled 1,087, as of 09/5/14:

Region/Parish	Participant Count
Region 1 (Jefferson Parish)	252
Region 2 (Capital area)	224
Region 7 (Alexandria area)	160
Region 8 (Shreveport area)	202
Region 9 (Monroe area)	249

- The Department of Health and Hospitals submitted a waiver amendment to expand CSoC statewide to include Lafayette, Thibodaux, Lake Charles, and Covington regions.
- Magellan provider network

Reporting Area	Facilities	Roster Staff at Facilities	Groups	Group Practitioners	Independent Practitioners	TOTAL
AAHSD	73	288	51	42	56	510
CAHSD	118	430	98	115	68	829
CLBHS	64	140	18	17	37	276
FLSHA	62	318	55	69	71	575
ICHSA	45	120	16	38	20	239
JPHSA	58	221	46	68	67	460
MHSD	125	547	80	157	74	983
NELBHS	78	200	30	43	35	386
NWLBHS	82	207	35	39	75	438
SCLHSA	56	162	17	26	19	280
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>4,976</b>