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Subject: Procedures for HCBS Waiver Programs under the Office of Long Term Living

Are changes being made in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program procedures?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes. Effective 12/01/10, a new procedure will be implemented for five of the Department's HCBS Waiver Programs: The 0192, Attendant Care, Independence, Commcare, and OBRA Waivers. These waivers are all administered by the Office of Long Term Living (OLTL).

Due to the volume of consumers working with various service agencies, the OLTL has extended the effective date for the new procedure to 02/28/11. Therefore, CAOs can anticipate continuing to receive PA 1768 forms from Maximus as well as from service agencies until that date. By 03/01/11, all PA 1768's for the above-listed HCBS Programs should be from Maximus only.

Currently, an HCBS consumer's clinical eligibility is assessed by the same agency that provides the waiver services. The new procedure will utilize an independent enrollment broker, Maximus, to perform the clinical eligibility assessment. Maximus staff will meet with the consumer, screen the consumer, and determine the consumer's clinical eligibility. The service agencies will continue their role of service provision.

The new procedure will mainly affect two aspects of an HCBS case: How the PA 1768 form is used, and where the PA 162 notices will be sent. Effective 12/01/10, Maximus will serve as the interface between CAO staff and the service provider agencies for the five HCBS Programs mentioned above.

Beginning ~~12/01/10~~, **03/01/11**, the CAO will receive a PA 1768 from Maximus for all new HCBS consumers or for any changes in status, service, or eligibility for individuals in one of the five HCBS Programs administered by OLTL. Additionally, the CAO must send PA 162 notices to the consumer, the consumer's representative(s) **and** to Maximus. For the 0192 Waiver, a copy must also be sent to OLTL-Bureau of Individual Supports (BIS) as outlined in PMN15281477.

An Operations Memorandum providing additional information will be issued shortly. Please use this PC until the Operations Memorandum is issued.

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