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To: Supports for Community Living (33) Provider Letter # A-37

Re: **Michelle P Waiver and Supports for Community Living Waiver Therapy Changes**

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Providers:

This letter serves as notification that the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is formulating a policy change under the Michelle P. Waiver (MPW) and the Supports for Community Living Waiver (SCL), specifically in regard to Speech, Physical and Occupational therapies. Currently, these services are provided to children and adults within the MPW waiver, the SCL waiver and the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided clarification that a "waiver may not provide for the coverage of services that could be furnished to children under EPSDT". Subsequently therapy services in the MPW and SCL waiver may not be duplicative; therefore all therapies for the waiver members under that age of 21 must be provided through the EPSDT program.

Effective April 1, 2013, all therapy services for waiver members must be claims submitted under an EPSDT provider number. After this date, any therapy services billed through the waiver programs will be denied payment. The April 1, 2013, date allows for a six (6) month transition period for providers to apply for an EPSDT provider number. Upon completion of this new enrollment provider type, current certified waiver providers will be able to continue to provide medically necessary services to their MPW and SCL participants. For MPW or SCL providers that choose not to become EPSDT providers, the six (6) month grace period will allow time to notify their participants that they will need to locate an EPSDT provider for their therapy services. Participants over the age of 21 may continue to receive medically necessary therapy services in the MPW and SCL waiver programs.

SCL and MPW providers may begin the EPSDT enrollment process by contacting the DMS Provider Enrollment Division (877-838-5085). Training will be available for new EPSDT providers with instructions related to medical necessity criteria and Prior Authorization documentation requirements to be forthcoming. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our EPSDT staff at 502-564-6890.

The Department for Medicaid Services asks that you please continue to monitor the MPW and the SCL waiver websites for future updates and information pertaining to provider training. As always, thank you for your continued dedication to our waiver participants across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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