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TO: Supports for Community Living Providers (33) – Provider Letter #A-46

RE: Supports for Community Living (SCL) Therapy Transition

Dear SCL Waiver Therapy Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to update you about the transition of payment for therapy services from the SCL waiver to the State Plan, and to emphasize the importance of enrolling as a state plan therapy provider if you have not already done so.

In March 2016, we distributed SCL Provider Letter #A-44, which explained that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring Kentucky to transition payment for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services from the home and community based services (HCBS) waivers to the State Plan. This change is necessary because CMS does not allow duplication of services between the HCBS waivers and the State Plan. That provider letter also indicated that the transition of therapy services will occur once CMS approves the SCL waiver renewal.

We hope to receive approval of the waiver renewal soon. We want to thank the many SCL providers who have enrolled as state plan therapy providers so they can continue to provide therapy services to SCL participants. **IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING THERAPY SERVICES TO SCL PARTICIPANTS AND HAVE NOT YET ENROLLED AS A STATE PLAN PROVIDER, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BEGIN THIS PROCESS RIGHT AWAY, SO YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BILL FOR THERAPY SERVICES FOR THESE WAIVER PARTICIPANTS.** Enrollment information is included on the next page.

Medicaid will give all SCL providers a 30 day notice between the time CMS approves the waiver and it is implemented. This will allow time to end date existing waiver therapy prior authorizations, generate new prior authorizations for state plan therapy services, locate new therapy providers for any members whose current provider has not enrolled in the state plan, and update person-centered service plans in MWMA to reflect that SCL participants are receiving State Plan therapy services. Extensive information about the details of the waiver therapy transition is available at the following link:



<http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/>. Although this information is specifically targeted to HCB waiver providers, the same basic process will be utilized by SCL waiver providers once the waiver renewal is approved. Please see the next page for a listing of the relevant materials posted at this link.

Additionally, we plan to hold a webinar to walk through the details of the therapy transition with SCL waiver providers. We will let you know the date and time of that webinar as soon as it is finalized.

If you have questions, please contact Lori Gresham (502-564-7540 or Lori.Gresham@ky.gov), Lynne Flynn (502-564-4321 or lynne.flynn@ky.gov), or Charles Douglass (502-564-6890 or charles.douglass@ky.gov) for programmatic questions and Kate Hackett (502-564-1030 or kate.hackett@ky.gov) or Sapna Sairajeev (502-564-1013 or sapna.sairajeev@ky.gov) for enrollment questions.

Thank you so much for your commitment to serving Medicaid waiver members.

Sincerely,



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Therapy Transition Materials on DMS Website <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/>

Scroll down the page to the heading, **Attention HCB Waiver Providers Only**. See the following documents (links) under this heading:

- Kentucky Medicaid Fee for Service Therapy changes Effective September 2016
- Therapy Services Update
- Therapy Extension Transition Spreadsheet and Example
- Kentucky Medicaid Therapy Prior Authorization Request Form and Instructions

Scroll down further to the heading, **Update**. See the following documents (links) under this heading:

- 2 powerpoints from May and June 2016 provider webinars
- PT-OT-ST Waiver Transition Provider FAQ

Enrollment Information

DMS has created a new provider type, PT 76—Multi-therapy Agency, that may be used by organizations that deliver more than one type of therapy (physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech/language pathology services) utilizing multi-discipline providers. The following link provides additional information on this provider type: <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/NR/ronlyres/C92B58DF-6087-4F72-9CAC-C4FBF0DC2EC0/0/ProviderTypeSummary76MultitherapyAgency62116v1cchanges.pdf>