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MEMORANDUM

TO: SCL Providers, Provider Type 33
SCL Provider Letter #A-38

DATE: June 25, 2013

RE: Implementation of New SCL Waiver

There has been a great deal of interest from Supports for Community Living (SCL) members and their families, advocates and providers in implementation of the new SCL waiver. Staff from the Departments for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) and Medicaid Services (DMS), have been working together since the waiver application was approved to put all the needed infrastructure in place to assure a smooth transition from current SCL services to the new SCL services. This infrastructure development is proving to be very challenging and taking longer than expected.

Therefore, we have decided to postpone full implementation of the new waiver services until later this year. We are disappointed that the new waiver services will not be available this summer, as planned. However, we believe that it is essential to have the infrastructure fully developed before implementation, to avoid disruption of services to SCL members, or payment to providers.

As you know, several of the administrative aspects of the new waiver have already been implemented. Examples include using the Supports Intensity Scale for member evaluation, revised waiting list policies, and revised incident reporting procedures. On the other hand, the key service provision changes, including new and revised waiver services and changes in participant directed services have not yet been implemented. Please continue with the administrative waiver changes which have already been implemented. The major service provisions and any other changes which have not yet been implemented are postponed until later this year. We will provide you with a more detailed timeline for full implementation in mid-August.

Thank you very much for the important work you do with SCL waiver members, and for your understanding of the need to assure a smooth transition to the new waiver services. If you have questions, please contact DBHDID at 502-564-7700.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Kissner
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Betsy Dunnigan
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