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To: Michelle P Waiver Members  
Supports for Community Living Waiver Members

Re: Therapy changes in the Michelle P. waiver

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Members:

Due to guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), beginning June 1, 2013, The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has changed who can perform services for Occupational (OT), Physical (PT) and Speech therapies in the Michelle P. Waiver (MPW) and the Supports for Community Living Waiver (SCL) for members under the age of 21.

The MPW and SCL programs will not provide therapy services to members in the MPW or SCL waiver who are under the age of 21. The Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Special Services (EPSDT SS) program will provide therapy services.

Medicaid sent a letter to the SCL and HCBW providers on October 1, 2012 informing them of the change. In order for them to continue providing OT, PT and Speech therapy services to their current members, they will have to become Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Special Services (EPSDT SS) providers.

Some of the changes may include the following:

1. You **must** find an EPSDT SS provider who will provide OT, PT and Speech therapy services by May 31, 2013. Your Case Manager may assist you or you can call Member Services at 1-800-635-2570.
2. If the only services you receive are for OT, PT and Speech therapy, then you may lose your Medicaid eligibility for waiver services. You cannot have Case Management as your only service in the waiver programs.

3. If you lose your Medicaid eligibility coverage, you will need to go to your local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office and reapply for Medicaid.
4. EPSDT SS is the payer of last resort. If you have private insurance, it will be billed first. Once the insurance company has paid or denied the claim, then EPSDT SS will be billed.
5. You do not have to sign up for the EPSDT SS program, but you must be enrolled in Medicaid to receive EPSDT SS.
6. OT, PT and Speech therapy have to be medically necessary before they can be approved.

The Department for Medicaid Services asks that you continue to look at the MPW and SCL waiver websites for future updates and information on therapy changes.

EPSDT SS

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/epsdt+special+services.htm>

Michelle P

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/mpw.htm>

SCL

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/SCL.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact Catherann Terry in the EPSDT program at 502-564-6890 or Lyris Cunningham in the Michelle P Waiver program at 502-564-1647.

Sincerely,



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