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SUBJECT:

Prior Authorization for Supplemental Habilitation and Additional Individualized Staffing

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SCOPE:

Administrative Entity Directors or Administrators
Supports Coordination Organization Directors or Administrators
Providers of Waiver-funded Licensed Residential Services

PURPOSE:

This policy bulletin provides information regarding prior authorization for Waiver-funded Supplemental Habilitation (SH) and Additional Individualized Staffing (AIS) services.

BACKGROUND:

SH was added effective July 1, 2009 to address the short-term medical and behavioral needs of participants living in licensed residential settings. AIS is being added effective July 1, 2010 to address the long-term additional needs of participants living in licensed residential settings. Prior to July 1, 2010, SH was authorized by Administrative Entities without the need to obtain prior authorization from the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP).

DISCUSSION:

Effective July 1, 2010, ODP will require prior authorization of the following services:

- Supplemental Habilitation 1:1 staffing services (procedure code W7070)
- Supplemental Habilitation 2:1 staffing services (procedure code W7084)
- Additional Individualized Staffing 1:1 services (procedure code W7085)
- Additional Individualized Staffing 2:1 services (procedure code W7086)

The Medical Assistance "Provider Handbook" will be updated to add a Chapter, *Prior Authorization for the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver services*. The regulation at 55 Pa. Code Chapter 1101.67(a) provides the authority for the Department to prior authorize services. A public notice will be published in the PA bulletin indicating these services will require prior authorization. ODP will announce the location of the ODP-required SH and AIS prior authorization procedures and Medical Assistance "Provider Handbook" updates through a separate communication.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The Appropriate Regional Office