

Dear Colleague:

In April 2006, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) received notice from the Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) regarding a federal requirement that the state hold a Medical Assistance Provider Agreement with each waiver provider. Upon identification of this issue, the OCDEL began working with CMS to develop a Medical Assistance Provider Agreement that would satisfy federal waiver requirements at 42 CFR 431.107.

The enclosed Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the Infants, Toddlers, and Families Medicaid Waiver will be effective July 1, 2007 for existing waiver providers and effective upon signing for new waiver providers. This agreement will serve as the primary agreement between the state and waiver providers related to waiver eligible services. It supersedes all other contracts and agreements between the state and providers related to waiver eligible services. The MA Provider Agreement may be accessed within two weeks of the date of this letter.

County programs and providers may not make any changes, deletions, or additions to the standard Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the (ITF) Medicaid Waiver. Addendums, written or verbal, or informal agreements related to the standard MA Provider Agreement are also prohibited.

Every ITF Waiver provider must sign a Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the (ITF) Medicaid Waiver by May 31, 2007 in order to continue providing ITF Waiver services effective July 1, 2007. Signed Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the ITF Medicaid Waiver will continue until the provider is notified that its enrollment is terminated. Current waiver contracts remain in effect until the provider signs the new Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the (ITF) Medicaid Waiver, or until June 30, 2007.

Waiver providers who provide ITF Waiver services in multiple counties are required to sign and submit only 1 (one) Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the (ITF) Medicaid Waiver. If your agency provides services in multiple counties please forward a letter with your signed agreement identifying the counties that your agency operates in.

Upon receipt of a signed Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the Infants, Toddlers, and Families Medicaid Waiver the OCDEL will generate a confirmation email to the provider contact. The OCDEL will also log the receipt of a signed MA provider agreement on a spreadsheet that will be provided to the County MH/MR Program on a weekly basis.

The County MH/MR Program for Counties/Joinders in which you provide waiver services will be contacting you to verify that you have accessed the Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the Infants, Toddlers, and Families Medicaid Waiver and to ensure that you meet the deadline for submission of a signed agreement.

Please submit signed Medical Assistance Provider Agreement for Early Intervention Services in the ITF Medicaid Waiver to Cathi Berkey at the following address and direct any questions to her at cberkey@state.pa.us.

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Sincerely,

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