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Subject: **Medicaid Services System**

CPT Update

DODD has identified several system issues that need to be addressed to improve the performance of the Medicaid Services System (MSS) which includes the Cost Projection Tool (CPT). The department developed a 10 week plan, which commenced on April 26th, to improve performance so that the system can handle as many users as necessary without slowing down response time.

In addition to performance optimization, there is some additional development that is necessary in order to release MSS with the minimum functionality required to project costs and use the DRA. That functionality, which includes work to accommodate changes to waiver type and waiver spans, security and access and the DRA XML upload, will be completed after performance has been optimized. The Department has prioritized additional functionality, such as prior authorization, reporting, and an XML download as well as system enhancements that were requested by users during user acceptance testing. While prior authorization functionality will not be ready, a limited number of CPT reports, and an XML download of the cost projection details are planned for the first release. The highest priority enhancement is changes to the Adult Day Waiver Services portion of CPT which is scheduled to be completed prior to or shortly after the first release.

Ohio Administrative Code Requirements

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5123:2-9-06 was revise-filed in April to extend the deadline for transitioning individuals to CPT. As of January 1, 2011, CPT will be the only validated cost projection tool for individuals during initial enrollment and redetermination. The rule requires that all individuals are transitioned to CPT by December 31, 2011.

Testing and Training

Further user acceptance testing will be necessary to completely test all of the MSS functionality and confirm that the processing speed is adequate. After testing is complete and prior to the release of CPT, the Department will conduct “train the trainer” sessions in Columbus. The goal of these initial sessions is to train develop local user experts who can help train fellow county board and provider staff. The first phase of state sponsored regional training sessions will immediately follow the “train the trainer” sessions.

DODD will contact counties and providers to identify appropriate venues for regional training sessions and coordinate registration. Web access and PC's will be required for training sessions. More information on the training schedule and the go-live date will be shared after the performance optimization work has been completed.

Future MSS Updates

For further MSS and CPT updates, please visit the new MSS Webpage:

<http://mrdd.ohio.gov/medicaid/medicaid.htm>

All future communications about MSS, as well as a training schedule and contact information will be posted there.

Thank you for your ongoing support of MSS.

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