


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



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TO: Medicaid Providers of Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability (ID/DD) Waiver Services

FROM: Linda Elam, PhD, MPH 
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DATE: July 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Prior Authorization Requirement for all ID/DD Waiver Services

Recent provider audits conducted by the Health Care Operations Administration at the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) have revealed that some Medicaid providers of ID/DD Waiver Services are providing some ID/DD Medicaid Waiver services without prior authorization.

As you know, all waiver services are to receive prior authorization before the service is delivered. Furthermore, we take this opportunity to remind you that §1904.5 of Title 29 of the District Code of Municipal Regulations states that, “services that are not authorized in the IHP or ISP, not included in the written plan of care, furnished prior to the development of the IHP or ISP, not prior authorized by MRDDA or furnished pursuant to an expired IHP or ISP,” shall not be reimbursed.

To better ensure compliance with the above regulations, effective Thursday, September, 1, 2011, DHCF will strengthen the Medicaid Management Information System to ensure that any claims submitted without a prior authorization will be denied.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact Mary Devasia, Special Needs, I/DD Project Manager at (202) 442-5931 or mary.devasia2@dc.gov, if you have any questions.

cc: Department on Disability Services