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TO: Elderly and Physical Disabilities (EPD) Waiver]
Providers Enrolled in the District of Columbia Medicaid Program

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DATE: November 10, 2011

SUBJECT: EPD Waiver Waiting List

As you know, the federally-granted waiver of Medicaid laws allow the District of Columbia (DC) Medicaid program to offer additional community-based long-term care services to the Elderly and Persons with Physical Disabilities (EPD) is limited to serving 3,940 individuals at any given time through this program. Because the EPD Waiver has reached this limit, Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) has instituted a waiting list as allowed by the terms of the waiver. This transmittal is a reminder of how beneficiaries are placed on the waiting list and gives information on contacts to call if you have any questions.

As DHCF previously communicated, people placed on the waiting list will be enrolled in the EPD Waiver program on a first-come / first-served basis. Applicants who are currently in Casenet with an approved level of care (LOC) and completed EPD Waiver application are placed on the EPD Waiver waiting list first. Automatic time stamp approval of LOC's in Casenet determines placement on the waiting list.

Any other individual or authorized representative interested in securing EPD Waiver services, must contact DHCF Program Support staff, De'Andre Henson, at (202) 442-9122, who will take the individual's contact information. Within three business days, DHCF will contact the individual or authorized representative for a teleconference screening. The telephone screening will ask about the extent to which the individual needs assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) and/or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs).

If the individual's ADL and IADL status suggest the need for EPD Waiver services, he or she will be placed on the waiting list. If the individual's needs are not appropriate for EPD Waiver services, he or she will be notified and referred to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for other services.

Two important points need to be noted:

- First, it is imperative that current EPD Waiver beneficiaries are recertified timely to prevent discontinuation of the EPD Waiver services and placement on the waiting list. **Recertifications should be submitted at least 90 days prior to the end date of the current approved authorization.** Doing so will allow the application to be processed timely by DHCF and the Department of Human Service's Economic Security Administration (formerly the Income Maintenance Administration or, IMA) and permit continuous enrollment in the waiver.
- Second, it is very important to remember that this limit does not affect beneficiaries' ability to continue to receive personal care services for up to eight hours per day through DC's Medicaid state plan option. All individuals with current Medicaid eligibility and who qualify for EPD waiver services can continue to receive up to eight hours of personal care aide services per day through the state plan option in accord with their needs-based plan of care.

DHCF is working internally and with other DC agencies to identify other options available to individuals who may need in excess of eight hours per day, and would appreciate hearing any recommendations or suggestions you may have. Please forward comments or any questions you may have to Elbridge James, Program Specialist, at 202-442-5890 or Elbridge.james@dc.gov or Debra White, Program Specialist at (202) 478-5805 or debrad.white@dc.gov.