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SUBJECT: Individual Budgeting (iBudget) Waiver services Coverage and

Limitations Handbook

The Individual Budgeting (iBudget) Home and Community Based Services Medicaid waiver will be implemented by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) in Areas 3, 7, 14, and 15 as of October 1, 2012. The Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook (iBudget handbook) that governs this waiver is in the process of rule promulgation.

There have been two workshops held by the Agency for Healthcare Administration and the APD in order to receive input from clients, providers, and other stakeholders. Based on this input parts of the handbook are being revised. A final handbook draft is anticipated to be published in the near future.

Until the final rule is promulgated for the Individual Budgeting Medicaid Waiver Coverage and Limitations Handbook, the current Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, dated November 2010, shall be the governing rule for the iBudget waiver. This handbook can be accessed at the Medicaid Fiscal Agent's website at:

http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Portals/0/StaticContent/Public/HANDBOOKS/DD%20Waiver%20Handbook Final%20Adoption%20Rule November%202010.pdf

Provider qualifications, service descriptions, and documentation requirements for both Personal Supports and Life Skills Development services under the iBudget Waiver will be held to the same standards as the comparable services in the current DD Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook in the following manner:

- Life Skills Development Level 1 Companion
- Life Skills Development Level 2 Supported Employment
- Life Skills Development Level 3 Adult Day Training
- Personal Supports Companion, In Home Supports, Personal Care Assistance, and Respite.

The service limitations for iBudget waiver services shall be in accordance with the draft iBudget Coverage and Limitations Handbook, dated March 2012 located on the <u>iBudgetflorida.org</u> website.

The rates for the iBudget waiver services shall be in accordance with the draft rate table that is posted on the APD website.

Provider compliance with the DD Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, November 2010, shall continue to be required for all DD Medicaid Waiver providers who have a signed agreement with APD. Quality Assurance monitoring and recoupment referrals from Delmarva Foundation will continue based on the DD Waiver Services Coverage and Limitation Handbook in current rule for all waiver providers effective November 2010. No monitoring citation or recoupment shall occur at this time for requirements that are listed in APD's iBudget Waiver Coverage and Limitations Manual as posted on the iBudgetflorida.org website.

The Delmarva Foundation and the Agency for Healthcare Administration, including Medicaid Program Integrity, have been informed of these requirements and will adjust their monitoring accordingly. If you have any questions please contact Terri McGarrity at 850/414-7452 or Denise Arnold at 850/488-3673.

Thank you.

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