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Important Dates

- October 4, 2015 - Caldwell Street Fair at the Caldwell County Fairgrounds in Caldwell, ID.
- October 10, 2015 - Senior Faire at the Nampa Civic Center. (8:00am - 3:00pm)
- October 12, 2015 - Columbus Day. IHC, Medicaid, State and Federal offices will be closed.
- October 13, 14, & 15, 2015 - IHC Transition Management Training at H&W in Coeur d'Alene. (8:30am - 5:00pm daily)

WORDS FROM TAMMY

The Idaho Home Choice Transition Management process has been selected by CMS as a promising practice for all states to replicate to help with the sustainability of the Money Follows the Person Program. Idaho chose not to have Transition Managers as employees of Medicaid and instead decided to rely on our provider network to accomplish the crucial task of Transition Management. Other states are finding that there will not be sustainable funding to continue paying Transition Managers who are employees. Idaho's system of Transition Management can continue seamlessly after the grant funding has ended due to Transition Management and Transition Services being incorporated into both 1915(c) waivers. Provider agencies who have Certified Transition Managers imbedded will continue to bill Medicaid for the two benefits of Transition Management and Transition Services the same as they would any other Medicaid claim for payment. This process will guarantee that Transition Management will continue to be funded after the Money Follows the Person Grant has ended. Thank you to all of the Transition Managers for all you do and keep up the good work!

Tammy Ray - IHC Project Manager

A Note From Cathy

We are happy to report The Idaho Home Choice Transition Management Training Class in Caldwell, August 17 – 19, was a great success! We graduated 15 new Transition Managers!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!!!

Eberegbulan (Ebe) Amaechi

Mike Borchardt

Paige Bennion

Anthony Burton

Sherri Case

Camille Crapo

Angela Curtis

Stephanie Davison

Jared Lupton

Nicole Morgan

JoAnn Nielsen

Eunice Njiraini

Krystn Pitt

Susan Thomas

Altan Urbaeva

Just a couple reminders: 1.) Be sure to complete all questions on the application - the date of admission is as important as Medicaid ID#. 2.) It is crucial to have participants signatures on every payment request form – we will not accept them without signatures. 3.) Please email, call, or fax the office to alert us ASAP (with new address) when you have completed a discharge – we have to change codes, in the system, to ensure the services of the participant do not get interrupted. 4.) Please be sure to update us on your status so we can keep our TM list current. 5.) ASK, ASK, ASK! Please ask any questions you have – better to ask for clarification than to make a mistake that is hard to fix.

Tammy and I are very excited to have such a terrific group of people to work with and we both hope you are too! J As always, if you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact Tammy at rayt@dhw.idaho.gov or 364-1889 or Cathy at papec@dhw.idaho.gov or 287-1172! We will be in Coeur d'Alene next week (October 13 – 16), training New Transition Managers for Regions 1 and 2, if you need to reach us please call Marcie Young at 364-1968, otherwise we will be checking email periodically.

~ Cathy



Question of the Month:

Can we give participants copies of receipts?

No! Receipts are property of the Idaho Home Choice program and are required records to be retained with each participant file. If one of your participants would like a copy, they are welcome to file a public records request, available on the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare website. *Please remember, returning items that have been purchased with IHC funds, for cash, is Medicaid Fraud and can be prosecuted as such.

Noteworthy!

~ Thank you all, for your hard work to help make Idaho Home Choice a successful program! ~

As of 10/8/2015

We have transitioned...

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