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To:

Developmental Disabilities Services Providers; Children's Services Coordination

Providers

From:

Robert B. Luce, Administrator

Division of Family and Community Services

Subject:

Children's System Redesign - Habilitative Interventionist Coursework

Requirements

Following recent legislative approval of rules governing developmental disabilities services for children, a new intervention service called habilitative intervention will be available for children beginning July 1, 2011. Children's developmental therapy and intensive behavioral intervention (IBI) services provided by developmental disabilities agencies (DDA) will gradually be phased out and replaced with new support and intervention services during the transition into the redesigned children's system.

In accordance with *IDAPA* 16.03.10 "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits", Section 685.03, professionals working as developmental specialists for children age birth through seventeen and individuals who are certified as IBI professionals before July 1, 2011, are qualified to provide the new habilitative intervention service until June 30, 2013.

By June 30, 2013, these individuals must be able to demonstrate that they have completed competency coursework approved by the Department. It is not necessary for these individuals' degrees to meet new rule requirements. This allows two years to complete the additional competency coursework while continuing to deliver habilitative intervention under provisional status. Many individuals will already meet some or all of the coursework requirements.

In order to deliver habilitative intervention, individuals are required to request either provisional status or a certificate of completion from the Department before June 15, 2011. To get approval from the Department, individuals must:

- Complete the application to apply for either provisional status **or** a certificate of completion. The application is available on the redesign Web site at www.redesignforchildren.medicaid.idaho.gov.
 - Provisional status Enclose with the application a copy of their current IBI
 Professional or Developmental Specialist Birth through Seventeen Certification.
 - Certificate of completion In addition to a copy of their current certification, enclose a transcript or other proof of completed coursework from an accredited university. Individuals must meet all coursework requirements to get a certificate of completion. The redesign Web site lists coursework requirements.
- Submit the application and enclosed information to the Department by mail, fax, or email to:

Family and Community Services Developmental Disabilities Program 450 West State St. 5th Floor Boise, Idaho 83720

Fax: (208) 332-7331

Email: fadnessr@dhw.idaho.gov

The Department will issue provisional status or a certificate of completion no more than 20 business days after receiving completed applications. Individuals who receive provisional status must complete all additional coursework and obtain a certificate of completion before June 30, 2013, in order to continue delivering habilitative intervention.

If you have questions about this process, please call the Division of Family and Community Services Developmental Disabilities Program at (208) 334-5701.

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