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To:

Developmental Disabilities Agencies (DDA), Children's Service Coordination,

and Fiscal Employer Agent Providers

From:

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Subject:

Children's System Redesign Transition Update

This information release is a follow up to Information Release MA12-13. The Department is concerned that families are still making the decision to remain in the old system until their current benefits are discontinued on July 1, 2013.

In an effort to ensure families do not experience an interruption in services, the Department is offering a new option for families to transition. This option gives families the opportunity to develop a plan of service for the redesign services before July 1, 2013, and allows them to choose the date they will start the redesign services, sometime between the date of planning and July 1, 2013.

Steps for Families:

- 1. Contact the local Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) office as soon as possible to begin the application process. The regional contact information is found on the Children's Redesign website at www.redesignforchildren.medicaid.idaho.gov.
- 2. The regional contact will determine if the family needs to complete eligibility determination with the Idaho Center for Disabilities Evaluation (ICDE) and receive an annual budget for the redesign services for families who have not already completed this step.
- 3. Complete family-centered planning with a regional FACS case manager. During this process, families will develop a plan of service for the redesign benefits. The budget will be prorated from the actual start of redesign services according to the number of months remaining in the redesign plan year. Budgets must be prorated in order to maintain a cost neutral program.
- 4. Children may continue to receive their current developmental therapy and intensive behavioral intervention services until the services are discontinued on June 30, 2013.

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Providers should ensure they are ready to deliver redesign services in accordance with the implementation date of the child's new plan of service.

5. As of July 1, 2013, children must begin receiving their redesign services for the remainder of the plan year. The plan year starts when the family signs the plan during the family-centered planning process.

Example Transition Plan:

The family develops an annual plan of service with their case manager on January 1, 2013, with a plan expiration date of December 31, 2013. The child continues to receive developmental therapy until June 30, 2013, when the service is discontinued. The child begins receiving redesign services on July 1, 2013. According to the plan of service, the child's budget was prorated to six months to cover the start of the redesign services on July 1 to the end of the plan year.

On July 1, 2013, all families must have completed the eligibility and planning process and be receiving redesign services or they will experience an interruption in services. The eligibility and planning process takes up to 90 days, but it is anticipated that it may take longer if there is a volume of children enrolling at once. Families with a scheduled appointment will be the first priority.

In addition to this information release, the Department is sending a letter to families regarding the new option to transition. If you have any questions about the information found in this information release, please contact the Alternative Care Coordinator in the Division of Medicaid's Bureau of Developmental Disability Services at (208) 287-1169.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

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