Call for Letters of Intent to Become a DISCO

OPWDD is initiating a process to establish the first specialized managed care organizations to provide supports and services to individuals with developmental disabilities, which will begin operations later in 2013. To begin that process, OPWDD invites any licensed nonprofit or public organizations in the State of New York to indicate their intention to apply to become a Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Coordination Organization (DISCO) by submitting a Letter of Intent. Letters of intent should inform OPWDD of the board membership of the organization that is considering developing a DISCO, and the NYS counties in which the entity intends to operate.

Establishment of DISCOs is contingent upon approval from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). DISCOs will be responsible for providing individualized care coordination and long-term supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities who voluntarily enroll. DISCO operations will be governed by Article 44 of the NYS Public Health Law.

Later this spring, OPWDD will formally solicit DISCO applications through a Request for Applications (RFA) to become a DISCO. Additional information about the anticipated DISCO application process can be found in the draft RFA on OPWDD’s People First Waiver webpage (http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/people_first_waiver/waiver_resources). OPWDD will post the final RFA in the weeks ahead, along with regional Medicaid service data. OPWDD will provide more detailed information on Medicaid services to organizations who submit letters of intent.

Letters of Intent to Apply to become a Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Coordination Organization may be submitted by the close of business on April 25, 2013

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