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### Community Habilitation Phase II

October 1, 2012, Community Habilitation Phase II (CH II) is a waiver service option available to HCBS waiver-enrolled individuals who reside in OPWDD-certified supervised Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs) and OPWDD-certified supervised Community Residences (CRs). This option is available to individuals who have chosen to receive Day Habilitation and Residential Habilitation from the same provider. CH II is designed to enable more flexible service provision for residing in certified settings and will enable these individuals to have greater flexibility and choice in how they spend their day and where they receive their habilitative supports.

Administrative Memorandum (ADM) #2012-05: Community Habilitation Phase II (CH II) Service and Payment Standards, dated October 29, 2012, can be accessed via the following link on the OPWDD website:

<http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/2555>

Information specific to the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) can be found starting on page 5 of the ADM. For individuals choosing CH II, their ISP must include the following elements:

- Name of Provider
- Type of Service: Community Habilitation
- Frequency: Month
- Duration: Ongoing
- Effective Date: Specification of an effective date for CH II that is on or before the first date of service for which the agency bills CH II for the individual.

### CHOICES Upgrade

Several enhancements have been added to CHOICES including some differences from the existing version. Due to the upgrade CHOICES is scheduled to be unavailable from Friday November 2, 2012 at 5:00 pm until Monday November 5, 2012 at 8:00 am. Information related to the CHOICES upgrade has been posted on the OPWDD website CHOICES training page at:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\\_login/choices](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_login/choices)