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Registration Is Now Open for the June 8, 2016 MSC Supervisors Conferences

Registration is now open for the next MSC Supervisors Conference which will be held from 9:30am – 12:30pm on June 8, 2016. This conference will be broadcast to multiple OPWDD DDRO sites via videoconference and the option for WebEx participation is also available. Agenda topics and materials for these sessions will be announced via MSC E-Visory prior to each session.

Registration can be accessed at: http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogc1310.jsp

Upcoming Benefits & Entitlements Trainings

The local OPWDD Revenue Support Field Offices will be presenting seminars this spring on the eligibility criteria and application processes for Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability. The target audience for this training includes Service Coordinators, Benefit Development Staff, Program Directors, Compliance Staff and Billing Staff. This training is offered on a regional basis with sessions being held on different dates and at different locations across the state. Please check the OPWDD website for available dates, times and locations. Additional locations will be added in the future, and staff should continue to check the website for those regional areas yet to be scheduled and to register:

http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogp1013a.jsp.

Registrants need to check back on the registration site a week before the training to access the course materials and print the handouts prior to the training. Handouts will not be available at the training sites. Please let your staff know that participants arriving late will not receive certification for attending the session. Participants attending in NYC locations must allow extra time to sign in to security and must bring ID.

Direct Clinical Services at Day Habs and Supervised IRAs

As of April 1, 2016, direct clinical services (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, and Psychotherapy) may no longer be provided within Supervised IRAs and Day Habilitation sites. The provision of direct therapy must now be delivered within a certified Article 16 clinic or satellite clinic. Therefore, Medicaid Service coordinators may need to complete an addendum or update the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) to separately identify these services as being delivered at an Article 16 clinic. Article 16 services are listed under “Medicaid State Plan Services” in the ISP and the name of the provider and type of service/provider must be included. Changes to the ISP should be made at the next ISP review.

If you have further questions regarding the impact of the April 1, 2016 changes, email the peoplefirstwaiver@opwdd.ny.gov. Please also refer to the OPWDD website: http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/people_first_waiver/HCBS_services/ser vice_changes

Administrative Memorandum on Supported Employment

On March 10, 2016, OPWDD issued Administrative Memorandum (ADM) #2016-01: Supported Employment. This ADM describes new service delivery, documentation, and staff training requirements, as well as a new fee structure for provider reimbursement. Supported Employment services provide supports for individuals with developmental disabilities to obtain and maintain competitive employment. The full ADM is available at the following link: <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/6576>

Administrative Memorandum on Live-in Caregiver

On May 11, 2016, OPWDD issued Administrative Memorandum (ADM) #2016-03: Live-in Caregiver Service Documentation. This ADM describes the payment standards and service documentation requirements to support a provider's claim for reimbursement of the Live-in Caregiver (LIC) room and board supplement when individuals self-direct their services. The full ADM is available at the following link: <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/6751>

Person Centered Planning Materials on the Quality Mall Website

The Quality Mall is a website where providers can find free information about person-centered supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The website is maintained by the University of Minnesota's Research and Training Center on Community Living. Some of the materials include:

- Facilitated Decision Making Curriculum
A short curriculum that helps service coordinators learn how to support people with disabilities in making their own decisions.
<http://www.qualitymall.org/products/prod1.asp?prodid=49045>
- Listen to Me!
A workbook that helps teams get ready for a person-centered planning meeting. It helps everyone understand what is most important to the focus person.
<http://www.qualitymall.org/products/prod1.asp?prodid=49052>

Additional Materials can be found at <http://www.qualitymall.org>

Inclusive Recreation Resource Center

The Inclusive Recreation Resource Center, headquartered at SUNY at Cortland, offers a comprehensive database that describes the accessibility of various parks, recreational facilities, entertainment venues and events. The database is available online and free to use. There are currently over 1,200 entries in the database spanning facilities in New York State, across the country and even one location in Canada. The database is searchable by geographic address, region or key words. For more information or to access the database, visit the website at www.InclusiveRec.org.