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OPWDD Service Recipients regarding Managed Long Term Care Plan (MLTCP)

Attached to this e-visory is a memorandum, dated February 11, 2013, which provides details, related to the new State law that went into effect in 2012 that requires individuals who are 21 or over, eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare and needing more than 120 days of community based long term care services to join a Managed Long – Term Care Plan (MLTCP). In July 2012 and again recently, the details of this new law have been communicated to people affected by this law in the downstate areas, where the first phase of mandatory enrollment will occur. Some individuals served by OPWDD may be currently receiving long-term services that are in the MLTCP benefit package, they may potentially receive information about this activity and become confused or concerned. Please be advised and communicate with individuals and families that you support, that the following categories of individuals are exempt from the current MLTCP mandatory enrollment requirement:

- Nursing Home Transition and Diversion waiver participants;
- Traumatic Brain Injury waiver participants;
- Individuals receiving services from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD);
- Nursing home residents;
- Assisted Living Program participants;
- Dual eligible individuals who do not require community-based, long-term care services.

If individuals or families you support receive a letter from a service provider regarding the transition to MLTCP, please assure them that as a person eligible to receive OPWDD services they are not required to enroll in MLTCP at this time. Your assistance in clarifying the details of this requirement for individuals in the OPWDD service delivery system is greatly appreciated. For specific concerns please e-mail People.First@opwdd.ny.gov.

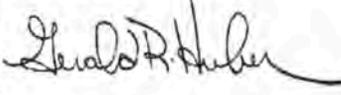
Individualized Service Plan Training Opportunity

Catholic Charities will be hosting an upcoming Individualized Service Plan (ISP) training on Friday March 8, 2013 at the Brooklyn DDSO from 9:30-4:00 pm. Registration is required. Please refer to the attached announcement for further registration information.



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors of MSC Vendors
Directors of OPWDD State Operated and Regional Offices

From: Gerald Huber, Deputy Commissioner 
Division of Person-Centered Supports

Date: February 11, 2013

Subject: **REVISED:** Recent Communications to OPWDD Service Recipients regarding MLTCP

In 2012, a new State law went into effect that requires individuals who are 21 or over, eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare and needing more than 120 days of community based long term care services to join a Managed Long- Term Care Plan (MLTCP). The managed long-term care plans are private health plans approved by the State of New York; they arrange for recipients' in-home personal care and other services included in the MLTCP benefit package.

In July 2012, and again recently, the details of this new law have been communicated to people affected by this law in downstate areas, where the first phase of mandatory enrollment will occur. Because people served by OPWDD may be receiving long-term services in the MLTCP benefit package, some may receive information about this activity and become confused and concerned. In the event that this issue is raised by individuals and families that you support, **please be advised that the following categories of individuals are exempt from the current MLTCP mandatory enrollment requirement:**

- Nursing Home Transition and Diversion waiver participants;
- Traumatic Brain Injury waiver participants;
- Individuals receiving services from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD);
- Nursing home residents;
- Assisted Living Program participants;
- Dual eligible individuals who do not require community-based, long-term care services.

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Your assistance in clarifying the details of this requirement for individuals in the OPWDD service delivery system who receive services included in the MLTCP benefit package is greatly appreciated.

If any of the individuals or families you support receive a letter from a service provider regarding the transition to MLTCP, please assure them that as a person eligible to receive OPWDD services they are not required to enroll in MLTCP at this time. If you have specific concerns, please e-mail People.First@opwdd.ny.gov. Staff at OPWDD will work with the Department of Health if there are specific questions regarding a person's exemption from managed care.

GRH/kao

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Individualized Service Plan (ISP)

TRAINING

WHEN: Friday March 8, 2013

**WHERE: BROOKLYN DDSO
888 FOUNTAIN AVE
Brooklyn, New York
BLDG 1 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

TIME: 9:30AM-4:00PM

INSTRUCTOR: KATHY SMITH, CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You must register to attend by calling Kathleen Morris at (718) 256-2212 Ext 33 or by e-mail at kmorris@4pds.org

***The training is open to the first 25 people to register**