

## Proposed NOW and COMP Policy Changes for October 1, 2013

DBHDD, Division of Developmental Disabilities proposes the following NOW and COMP policy changes for October 1, 2013. The proposed policy changes are based on:

- (1) Recommendations from the Exceptional Rate Work Group for Specialized Medical Supplies.
- (2) DBHDD changes to the Community Service Standards for Developmental Disabilities Providers.
- (3) Clarification of requirements for self-directed Community Access Group.
- (4) Clarification of agency staff providing Community Access Services to assure non-duplication of Community Residential Alternative Services.
- (5) Clarification of definition of an individual's own home for Community Living Support.
- (6) Correction to Instructions for DMA-7.

The final proposed changes submitted by DBHDD, Division of Developmental Disabilities are reviewed by the Department of Community Health (DCH) legal and program staff. DCH review may result in approval, revision or rejection of any DBHDD proposed NOW/COMP policy changes.

### **NOW and COMP Part II**

#### Policy Changes As Needed

#### **Chapters 600, 700, and 1100**

The revised DBHDD Community Service Standards for Developmental Disabilities Providers are posted for public comment. All public comments will be reviewed and then the revisions to the standards will be finalized. Policy changes will be made to NOW and COMP Part II Chapters 600, 700, and 1100 as needed for consistency with revised standards.

#### Appendix Policy Correction

#### **Appendix C**

Correction is to be made to the Instructions for Completing the Level of Care Re-Evaluation for ICF-ID (DMA-7) to indicate need for individual/representative signature for persons residing in an ICF/ID.

### **NOW and COMP Part III**

#### **Chapter 1700 (Community Access), Section 1706**

Proposed policy changes to this section will clarify that: (1) self-directed Community Access Group services may not occur at a day program facility; and (2) Community Access Services may not be delivered by any staff person who provides Community Residential Alternative Services.

## **Chapter 1900 (Community Living Support), Section 1907**

Proposed policy changes will clarify what constitutes an individual's own home as having free and unrestricted access to a kitchen and bathroom and non-coverage of any leased situation that fails to meet the definition of an individual's own home. Also, proposed policy changes will indicate that in no instance can the family or own home be a home leased or owned by an employee or contractor of the service delivery agency.

## **NOW Chapter 2700 and COMP Chapter 2800 (Specialized Medical Supplies)**

Proposed NOW/COMP policy changes are to specific sections of the Specialized Medical Supplies Chapter based on recommendations from the Exceptional Rate Work Group, Policy Subcommittee.

### Policy Changes #1 and #2

Section 2706 (NOW) and Section 2806 (COMP): Adds as covered service over-the-counter medications when prescribed by a physician and related to a diagnosed condition. Also adds medications not covered by the Medicaid State Plan when written documentation from pharmacy for non-coverage of the medication through State Medicaid Plan is in the participant's record.

### Policy Change #3

Section 2707 (NOW) Section 2807 (COMP): Edits the 14<sup>th</sup> item to have an exception for coverage of herbal supplements, nutritional oils, and other non-nutritional supplements as well as vitamins when prescribed by a physician and related to a diagnosed condition.

### Policy Changes #4 and #5

Section 2707 (NOW) Section 2807 (COMP): Adds to the non-covered list medications that are covered by the State Medicaid Plan. Also adds to the non-covered list co-pays for medications.

## **COMP Only Part III**

### **Chapter 2000 (Community Residential Alternative), Section 2008 and Appendix A**

Proposed policy changes will allow for CRA nursing to be billed on a daily basis. The reimbursement for all CRA services, including nursing, will continue to not be allowed to exceed the annual maximum amount for this service or any amount associated with an exceptional rate.