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MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Directors

FROM: Mike Moseley 

SUBJECT: Approval to Provide New Enhanced Benefit Services

Please accept this correspondence as a reminder of the requirement for an Area/County Program to receive approval from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide direct services to consumers in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 122C-141. As you recall, in Communication Bulletin 16, dated March 29, 2004, we outlined the criteria that must be followed in order to receive approval for delivery of services that were not included in the Program's Local Business Plan (LBP).

With the implementation of the new Enhanced Benefit service definitions, many new and modified services will be in place that were not anticipated at the time that LBPs were developed. If an Area/County Program plans to directly provide any of these new or modified services, approval must be obtained in advance in accordance with the criteria outlined in Communication Bulletin 16. Although an Area/County Program's LBP may have indicated a plan to continue to provide a continuum of services, the mix of services in the continuum will be different with the implementation of the new State Medicaid Plan Rehabilitation Option services and specific prior approval will be required. Please note that in granting approval the Secretary may, at her discretion, grant approval indefinitely or for a limited period of time only.

All requests to provide any or all of the new or modified Enhanced Benefit services should be submitted to Dick Oliver, LME Team Leader by September 1, 2005 in anticipation of the October 1, 2005 implementation date. Please contact your LME Team Liaison or Dick Oliver at (919) 715-1294 or by e-mail at dick.oliver@ncmail.net if you have any questions.

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