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Subject: Update to Communication Bulletin #J153: National Accreditation

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide an update to Communication Bulletin #J153 on national accreditation as it applies to Innovations waiver services. This update allows for providers to obtain accreditation on additional models at their next review by the accrediting body.

The Innovations waiver requires national accreditation under each definition except for Assistive Technology, Community Transition, Financial Support Services, Home Modifications, Specialized Consultation and Vehicle Modifications. It is not included for services provided under Employer of Record, Adult Day Health, or Adult Day Care Programs under the Day Supports definition.

The waiver notes the following requirement under each of the definitions which are not listed above:

Upon enrollment with the PIHP, the organization must have achieved national accreditation with at least one of the designated accrediting agencies. The organization must be established as a legally constituted entity capable of meeting all of the requirements of the PIHP. Not required for Adult Day Health and Adult Day Care Programs.

The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) believes the accreditation should include all of the modules that are the closest fit to what is being provided by the agency. For example, if the services provided by the agency are Personal Care and Respite, then the closest accreditation categories for Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) may be Personal Supports Services and Respite. The provider should consult with the accrediting body on the modules and waiver definitions to determine what is needed. The LME-MCO

is responsible for ensuring that the provider agency holds accreditation in the appropriate areas and will make the determination on a case by case basis, consulting with DMA as needed.

For providers who have been accredited in only one module which does not cover all of the services that are being provided, the provider must be accredited in the additional models upon their next review by the accrediting body.

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