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****New ID/DS Waiver Electronic Pre-Authorization System****

Dear Providers of the Intellectual Disability (ID) and Day Support (DS) Waivers:

In 2006, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded a Systems Transformation Grant to Virginia designed to make significant improvements to the infrastructure of the service delivery system for individuals with developmental and other disabilities. One goal (Goal 4) of this grant has been a joint project under the leadership of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). The goal has focused on the use of integrated systems to monitor critical incident reporting across the service delivery spectrum and to automate and manage specific functions of the ID and DS Waivers.

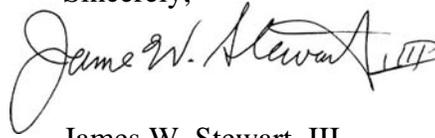
In October, the Office of Developmental Services at DBHDS will launch the Intellectual Disability On-Line System (IDOLS). Through this system, the Office of Developmental Services will be able to receive electronic submissions from the Community Services Boards/Behavioral Health Authorities and other providers of ID and DS Waiver services regarding the waiting list, slot assignment, and enrollment for the ID Waiver. The Office of Developmental Services will also be able to electronically manage the pre-authorization of all services for ID and DS waiver individuals.

During the fall there will be one-day training sessions to help you better understand the IDOLS system and explain how to access the system. The first sessions are tentatively planned for the last week in September for Region 4, the 1st week of October for Region 3, and the 2nd week of October for Regions 1 and 3, the 3rd/4th week of October for Region 2, and the last week of October for Region 5. Additional webinar's will be scheduled in November. Implementation will follow each training week for that region.

More information on the training schedule, registration and the implementation plan will soon follow this communication and be available under the Systems Transformation Grant on the DBHDS web site www.dbhds.virginia.gov/ODS-default.htm, for the Office of Developmental Services.

These developments in our system of support are critical steps toward the achievement of system-wide improvements for all stakeholders. The IDOLS systems will ensure Virginia's compliance with federal Medicaid rules and will streamline business practices to ensure we are operating as efficiently as we can for those we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Stewart, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "III" at the end.

James W. Stewart, III