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Subject: Medicaid Services System

CPT Update

The Medicaid Services System (MSS) which includes the Cost Projection Tool (CPT) will be released later than originally planned. Over twenty-five volunteers from the field participated in user acceptance testing (UAT) in January. UAT confirmed that the core design of CPT is functional and intuitive, and it provided an opportunity for some hands-on user experience and feedback. UAT also uncovered performance problems with the application related to the processing speed. Since then, the Department has devoted a significant amount of time and resources to optimizing performance and resolving defects, which has delayed the completion of the necessary system development.

Before CPT is released, DODD is committed to optimizing performance, resolving defects, and completing a couple of key enhancements suggested during UAT that would greatly improve the usability of CPT. In addition, DODD is working with vendors to create an XML download with the cost projection data needed to generate PAWS plans at the local level. In order to accomplish this work, the release of MSS including CPT will be delayed. At this time we do not anticipate to delay release for more than a couple months.

Ohio Administrative Code Requirements

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5123:2-9-06 was recently filed in order to incorporate the necessary changes required to launch CPT. The current proposed rule contained deadlines for transitioning individuals to CPT, the first of which was December 31, 2010. DODD is committed to a high quality system, statewide training and reasonable timelines for system implementation. Due to the delay in the release of CPT, DODD will be adjusting the timeline requirements. The public hearing will be held on March 19, 2010 as scheduled, but DODD will issue a revised proposed rule sometime after that.

Testing and Training

A second round of user acceptance testing, focused on DRA and payment authorization, will proceed as scheduled during the third week of March, and we will likely hold a final round of UAT in late April. DODD is currently working with the OACB and OPRA on the training plan. It will commence in the form of "train the trainer" sessions immediately preceding the release of MSS.

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The first phase of regional training sessions will follow. DODD will contact counties and providers to identify appropriate venues for regional training sessions and coordinate registration. More information on training dates and registration will be available soon.

DODD will communicate the system release date in the near future. This delay in release will help create a higher quality, more user friendly product. Thank you for your ongoing support of MSS.

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