

Authorities Update

1. **Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) waiver under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act.**
Status: Medicaid received nearly 50 questions. The responses are due on May 16, 2011. Mercer is working to answer the questions then circulate/review with Medicaid/OBH. Medicaid is attempting to schedule a meeting with CMS on May 16, 2011.
2. **Section 1915 (b) Waiver MCO, PHIP, PAHP, PCCM Programs, and FFS Selective Contracting Programs.**
Status: Medicaid received 21 questions. All questions answered by Mercer and reviewed with Medicaid/OBH. Written responses forwarded to CMS on 5/6/11. (The responses are due on May 11, 2011.) A meeting with CMS is scheduled on May 9, 2011.
3. **EPSDT State Plan Amendment (SPA)**
Status: CMS submitted 25 informal questions. Medicaid staff met on April 15, 2011 to begin drafting answers. A second Medicaid meeting was held on April 26, 2011. Several questions regarding Therapeutic Group Homes were forwarded to Mercer for review.
4. **School Based Behavioral Health Services SPA**
Status: CMS submitted 5 informal questions. Medicaid staff met on April 15, 2011 to begin drafting answers. Medicaid is preparing to submit the responses to CMS. The final responses are being circulated within Medicaid and are expected to be submitted after May 12, 2011.
5. **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) SPA**
Status: CMS has questioned Medicaid's request to exclude pharmacy and physician costs from the per diem rate. These activities will be paid directly to the treating pharmacy or physician using the Medicaid fee schedule. This is currently under review by CMS. No follow up action until Medicaid receives a response from CMS.