

Authorities Update

The CMS representative for Louisiana met with Medicaid staff during an onsite review. The purpose of the visit was to get an update on all pending CMS reviews so specific LA BH Partnership authority documents were not discussed in detail. Medicaid was advised to put all of the documents on the “clock” to extend the response time. This recommendation is currently under review. This action would not delay the approval of the waivers or SPAs.

1. Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) waiver under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

Status: A meeting with CMS was held on May 16, 2011 to review the responses. Medicaid and OBH staff and Mercer participated on the call. The majority of the responses submitted to CMS prior to the meeting were reviewed and accepted during the teleconference. Revised responses are being drafted.

2. Section 1915 (b) Waiver MCO, PHIP, PAHP, PCCM Programs, and FFS Selective Contracting Programs.

Status: Follow-up documentation and responses are being drafted following the May 9th teleconference with CMS.

3. EPSDT State Plan Amendment (SPA)

Status: CMS submitted 25 informal questions. Responses are being draft.

4. School Based Behavioral Health Services SPA

Status: Responses to the informal questions were submitted on May 20, 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.