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To: Consumers, providers and stakeholders who support individuals with disabilities

From: Peter Bisbecos, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services

Re: Update on the OASIS Suspension

Date: August 6, 2009

Reminder: Friday, March 13, 2009 the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) suspended the rollout of the Objective Assessment System for Individual Supports (OASIS). The release of allocations under OASIS remains under temporary suspension until further notice and information will continue to be released as it becomes available.

PART I:

The information in this section applies only to individuals who 1) are currently without services; and 2) were transitioning from the waitlist onto a Developmental Disabilities (DD) or Autism (AU) waiver; and 3) had been targeted to begin waiver services, i.e. received eligibility letters from the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS), who began the process by accepting either a DD or AU waiver**.**

After several months of ongoing review and analysis, we have made much progress. We are confident that our processes will determine appropriate allocation amounts. As a result, we are now prepared to give budgets to eligible individuals who meet all of the criteria listed above.

For these individuals, the local BDDS office will need to establish eligibility and Level of Care (LOC). Next, the consumer will be contacted by an Indiana Professional Management Group (IPMG) Case Manager who will begin the Person-Centered Planning (PCP) process.

DDRS will release funding amounts to the IPMG Case manager who will then contact the consumer or guardian to inform them of the funding amount available. The consumer/guardian and the chosen Case Manager and providers will then convene as the Support Team. Once the

Support Team determines services, the Case Manager shall submit the plan to the BDDS Waiver Unit for review and approval. Upon approval by the BDDS Waiver Unit, services may begin.

We are pleased that the wait for services will soon be over for this group of individuals, and that we are able to continue with the progress we have made. We will constantly test the effectiveness of these budgets. To further strengthen confidence in our processes, we will continue testing on the OASIS model. This includes an ongoing review of the data we collect based on new individuals in services. As this and other information becomes available, the process is subject to change to ensure we are accurately predicting level of need.

PART II:

The information in this section applies to the individuals identified in Part I above, as well as all individuals starting DD and AU waiver services going forward. Funding will be based on the results of an ICAP Assessment and Addendum Questions, as well as their current or planned living arrangement. Waiver funding anticipates one (1) of three (3) different community living arrangements for the individual:

- Living at home with Family
- Living with two others in a shared three person setting (with 2 housemates)
- Living in an Adult Foster Care (AFC) home

While an individual may elect to live in a setting of their choosing, understand that waiver program funding is limited and will only consider supporting the services necessary while living in one of the three settings described. Please remember that the purpose for sharing staff and roommates is to make sure we are able to maintain funding at appropriate levels for as many individuals as possible as well as to continue to bring people off of our waiver waiting list.

The Support Team will then work to plan needed services within the consumer's established budget. Services are individualized and determined through a team decision based upon the Person-Centered Planning process.

The individual's waiver funding allocation shall reserve a portion of available funds for two (2) key service areas: Day Services and Behavior Management. Depending on need level, a specific amount of funds are set aside for use in each of these important service categories and may not be used for other forms of service, including but not limited to, Residential Habilitation Services (RHS). Services may only be redirected from Day Services under extreme or emergency circumstances. For example, day program services are not offered in your community.

Reimbursement Allocations for Day Services and Behavior Management Services (BMAN)

Consumer	Service Type	Funding Basis	Allocation	Service Unit
Children (up to age 22)	Day Services	Public or Home School Setting	$5,500	Per Service Year
Adults	Day Services	Not enrolled in Public or home school	$10,500	Per Service Year
Adults with the most intense behavioral needs	Day Services	Not enrolled in Public or home school	$18,000	Per Service Year
Children and adults with behavioral needs	BMAN	An Individual's Assessed Need	From 3 to 12 Hours	Per Service Month

Day Services include, but are not limited to:

- Community Habilitation (Group or Individual)
- Facility Habilitation (Group or Individual)
- Pre-Vocational Services
- Transportation
- Supported Employment Follow Along (SEFA)
- Music, Recreational and Other Therapies

Individual Support Plans will be written based upon an individual's current living arrangement. If an individual's living arrangement changes, a plan update must be submitted. The amount of the updated budget will be pro-rated based upon the individual's annual plan renewal date.

PART III:

The DDRS Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles remain the fundamental basis for every decision and action we put in place. As we make these and other changes, we will continually monitor and evaluate any impact for the individuals we serve, our providers, and our overall system. This will help us identify any problems and make adjustments to solve them.

We know additional changes will occur moving forward and are working to be as supportive as possible during this period of transition. To educate consumers, families, providers and other stakeholders, we are developing a Webinar to explain our system changes, including current processes and documentation. Look for a communication in the near future that will announce the dates and times of those presentations.

Help Line Resources:

We will continue to communicate information by posting it on our website and sending updates through our DDRS Bulletin Archive. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the OASIS initiative you may continue to contact us through the following resources:

OASIS-ICAP Help Lines: (317) 234-5222 or 1-888-527-0008
Email: OASIS-ICAPHelp@fssa.IN.gov
DDRS Website: www.ddrs.IN.gov
DDRS Bulletin Archive: http://www.IN.gov/fssa/ddrs/3350.htm

Thank you.

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