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SUBJECT:

**P/FDS Waiver Amendment to Allow for the
Provision of Respite Services in Contiguous
States**

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SCOPE:

County MH/MR Programs
Base Service Units

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to disseminate an approved waiver amendment to the Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) waiver, allowing for the provision of respite service in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2005, the Office of Mental Retardation (OMR) applied to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an amendment to the P/FDS waiver which would allow respite services to be provided in states contiguous to Pennsylvania. This amendment was approved by CMS on May 13, 2005.

DISCUSSION:

This amendment allows for the provision of respite services in New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware and West Virginia. Providers of respite services in these states are required to meet the standards and certifications as outlined in Pennsylvania's P/FDS waiver.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The Appropriate Regional Program Office

PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS PERSON/FAMILY DIRECTED SUPPORT WAIVER

The following chart indicates the updated requirements/standards for the provision of respite services under the P/FDS waiver

SERVICE	PROVIDER	LICENSURE	CERTIFICATION/REGISTERED	OTHER STANDARD
Respite	Respite Services		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 18 years of age. 2. Completion of necessary pre/in service training based on the individual support plan. 3. Agreement to carry out the responsibilities to provide habilitation based on the individual support plan. 	<p>-55 Pa Code Chapter 6350</p> <p>-Oversight provided by QMRP meeting requirements of 42 CFR 483.430 or Targeted Service Manager pursuant to 55 Pa Code Chapter 6201.</p> <p>-Adherence to all applicable criminal clearance requirements.</p> <p>-Act 33/Child Abuse Clearance (when service is provided to individuals under age 18).</p> <p>-Standard of a contiguous state applies.</p>