



ANNOUNCEMENT!

Office of Developmental Programs

Nursing Prior Authorization Postponed

INTENDED AUDIENCE: All Interested Parties

PURPOSE: This is to announce the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers (P/FDS) process for Nursing Prior Authorization is postponed.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 Service Definitions for the approved Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers outlined a prior authorization process for nursing services. This process will not be implemented by July 1, 2009. In order for you to complete FY 2009-2010 Individual Support Plan (ISP) renewals, as well as ISP planning meetings and ISP critical revisions after July 1, 2009, the Individual Support Planning Teams must use the Nursing Service definition procedure code (T2025) and corresponding appropriate modifier (TD, TE) identified in the FY 2009-2010 "Service Definitions" Bulletin 00-08-17. Please note that the FY 2009-2010 service definitions in the approved Waivers gives guidance to a list of medical procedures or conditions that help to determine the need for nursing services. However, this list is not exclusive and should not be the sole source information used when determining the need for nursing services.

Administrative Entities (AEs) should continue to utilize the criteria they have used when approving and authorizing nursing services. These include ensuring that nursing services are prescribed by a physician and all sources of third party insurance are exhausted prior to the utilization of Waiver funding. Once the AE determines nursing services are necessary services, prior authorization is not necessary from ODP in order to approve and authorize nursing services in a plan.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Regional Office in your region.