

TO: All Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, Care At Home Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Care At Home (CAH) I/II Waiver Renewal

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to advise the LDSS staff that the State has received approval for the Care At Home (CAH) I/II waiver renewal effective December 1, 2008 by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The following changes are effective immediately. To be eligible for CAH I/II enrollment, the applicant must:

- Be under the age of 18;
- Be physically disabled, according to the SSI program criteria;
- Require the level of care provided by a skilled nursing facility or hospital, and
- Be capable of being cared for in the community safely.

Note: Applicants no longer require a 30 day inpatient stay.

Children who are Medicaid eligible based on their parent's income and, if applicable, resources, as well as children who are ineligible for Medicaid based on their parent's income and/or resources, may apply for enrollment in the waiver if they meet the qualifications stated above. Individuals under the age of eighteen years of age, who are married, are not eligible for enrollment in the CAH I/II waiver.

On or after April 15, 2009 the following documentation is required to be submitted for all applications:

- Proof of Medicaid eligibility
- Home Health Assessment Abstract (HHA)
- Pediatric Patient Review Instrument (PPRI)
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of disability
- Physician orders
- Budget
- Case Management Plan of Services
- Choice of Care
- Choice of Case Management agency

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This GIS is also to advise the LDSS that on or after April 15, 2009 the Pediatric Patient Review Instrument (PPRI) and Home Health Abstract (HHA) must be completed every 6 months.

As additional services or changes to CAH I/II are ready to be implemented, we will advise you.