



DBHR Division of Behavioral
Health and Recovery

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To: All Interested Parties

From: Thomas Gray, Mental Health Program Administrator
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery

Subject: 1915(b) Medicaid Mental Health Waiver Services

On July 1, 2012, Medicaid will no longer pay for mental health Clubhouse, Respite and Supported Employment services. This change does not affect any other mental health services covered by Medicaid and does not affect Medicaid covered medical services.

As required by the 2012 legislative session, the department has submitted a waiver amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This amendment removes (b)(3) services, known as Clubhouse, Respite and Supported Employment, from the 1915(b) Medicaid Managed Care Waiver.

The amendment does not require affected Regional Support Networks (RSNs) to stop providing Clubhouse, Respite and Supported Employment services. Depending on the availability of other funds, RSNs may choose to continue these types of services.

Please find attached a copy of a "Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement" document.

Please contact me at tom.gray@dshs.wa.gov if you have any questions.