



Public Notice

To: ADSA Stakeholders
Subject: Draft 2-Year 1915(b) Mental Health Waiver Renewal

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA), intends to submit a request to renew for two years the current Section 1915(b) managed care mental health waiver, known as the *Washington State Integrated Community Mental Health Program*.

Mental health services are funded by Medicaid and have been provided under a 1915(b) waiver since 1993. This program provides managed care community mental health services to children, adults, blind/disabled children and adults, the aging population, children in foster care, Title XXI CHIP children, and other special-needs populations. These include people with serious and persistent mental illness and substance abuse.

ADSA plans to submit its request for renewal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by June 1, 2012. Upon CMS approval, the new waiver will take effect on October 1, 2012. A copy of the draft renewal request document can be accessed at the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery web page: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/director_s_page.shtml.

Please send all comments and questions regarding this waiver to Tom Gray at tom.gray@dshs.wa.gov. **Comments are due by May 22, 2012.** When making comments, please reference the page number(s) in the waiver document to indicate the location of the subject matter.

Please forward this information to others who may be interested.