



Public Notice

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

The Department of Social and Health Services, Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) 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, including those in foster care;
- children receiving Title XXI SCHIP;
- adults and older adults;
- people who are blind or have other disabilities; and
- other people with special needs, such as serious and persistent mental illness and substance abuse conditions.

BHSIA must submit its request for renewal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) **by June 30, 2014**. Upon CMS approval, the new waiver will take effect on October 1, 2014. A copy of the draft renewal request document can be accessed at the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery web page http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/director_s_page.shtml.

Please provide comments and question about this waiver to Tom Gray at Tom.Gray@dshs.wa.gov or 360-725-1314. **Comments are due by June 13, 2014.** When making comments, please reference the page number(s) in the waiver document.

Please forward this announcement to other who may be interested.