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Subject: FW: CDCS Budget Alert

This is a memo sent to counties today regarding the budget changes due to the application error of the MR/RC budget formula.

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To: MR/RC Waiver, MOU Counties

Fr: Kathleen Kelly, DSD

Re: CDCS Budget Adjustment

This is to advise you that we have detected an application error in two fields of the formula used to create the CDCS budgets for persons with mental retardation and related conditions. We are making corrections immediately and you will have the new budgets in the October download. We will also provide counties with printouts of their entire MR/RC waiver population; this information will be separated by current CDCS users and other waiver recipients. You will be provided a report that gives you the budgets before and after this correction is made. The report will also indicate if a new full team screening may have contributed to a budget change. As these reports are lengthy, we will be mailing them out to you. However once the 3.1 WTS is updated, you will be able to view the new budget amounts directly.

The two fields that were coded incorrectly were "Vocational" and "Household management". This correction will result in increased budgets for 87% of current CDCS recipients. However, there will be budget decreases for approximately 7% of current CDCS recipients. That difference may be between \$1 per day to a maximum of \$12.80 per day. Approximately 6% of recipients had a change to the budget based on a new full team screening or had no change at all.

The reason for this adjustment is given the statistical analysis, some fields have a negative value. When that occurred, vocational and household management categories should have been reverse ordered but were not. Making the correction and adjusting the ordering caused budgets to change. This change is not due to an error in

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the statistical analysis itself, but rather was a human error in not reordering the category, as I have described above.

Due to this error, recipients who experience a decrease in budget because of this adjustment and who have an approved service plan in place using the higher budget, may maintain their plan at the higher budget for the transition timelines of one year past their next annual review or April 2006. If a plan has not yet been approved using the higher budget, the corrected budget will be the effective budget. For those who experience an increase in their budget, they may take advantage of this increase immediately should their plan reflect the need and authorization for the additional cost.

The document that describes the process we have undergone to create the budget methodology and the budget methodology itself will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of those you serve.