

Response to Questions on the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Process

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Question: Provide information on the services for June 2009 Special Education Graduates.

Response: **Critical Background Information**

- 1) All Intellectual Disabilities/Mental Retardation (ID/MR) consumers who need day or employment services are eligible for services and receive them based on the urgency of need.
- 2) ID/MR special education graduates are just one subset of that group, a large subset, but a subset.
- 3) If the \$1.1 million of LOB Reductions in those two service areas are taken, the CSB's first priority will be to restore services to those who are already enrolled and have continuing needs.
- 4) Based on historical perspective, the CSB will realize some savings and efficiencies over the course of the year through such items as MR Waiver slots being allocated and service turnover.
- 5) The CSB can use those dollars, as yet unspecified since they are not realized yet, to fund the agency's top priority, existing enrolled consumers, if the \$1.1 million is taken, or
- 6) The CSB could use those dollars to fund new requests for services, including the new graduates, if the \$1.1 million is restored. It is anticipated that if the funding is restored, all existing consumers receiving services and all June 2009 Special Education Graduates would be served in FY 2010.

June 2009 Special Education Graduates

In June 2009, there are expected to be 85 new special education graduates turning 22 years of age who are eligible for day support and employment services. Of the 85 graduates, 27 have a funding source at the present time, leaving 58 potentially unfunded.

- o Of the 27 special education graduates with a definite funding source:
 - 7 have approved Medicaid Waiver slots;
 - 18 will be served in the Cooperative Employment Program (CEP) at no additional contract costs;
 - 1 will be Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)/ID/MR funded; and
 - 1 has embassy status and will be funded by that embassy.
- o Of the remaining 58 special education graduates:
 - 19 are Medicaid Waiver eligible and Urgent, but do not currently have slots; and
 - 39 are either non-Urgent or non-Medicaid Waiver eligible.
- o The estimated cost to support the day service placements for the 58 June 2009 graduates noted above is \$1,230,000, inclusive of a two-month delay in start dates. As part of budget reductions implemented in FY 2009, the start dates for all June 2008 special education graduates were delayed for a minimum of two months. However, as with the June 2008 special education graduates, full-year funding would be required in order to continue serving the June 2009 individuals without further interruption in future years.

Additional Information

LOB Reduction 106-75-417: Reduce Purchase of Developmental Day Services (and Associated FASTER) for 16 Non-Medicaid Funded Individuals. As a result of this reduction, 16 of 70 (23 percent) individuals currently receiving non-Medicaid funded developmental day services will have their day (and associated FASTER) services reduced. As a result, there will be an increased risk to health and safety, especially for individuals with severe medical and/or behavioral needs. Additionally, there may be an inability to access specialized therapeutic supports that cannot be replicated in other settings; increased familial and residential group home burden to secure additional daytime support and services; potential loss of family members' ability to participate in gainful employment outside of the home; increased economic and emotional stressors on families; increased risk of abuse and neglect; and possible increase in residential or other supportive services costs. Excluding the FASTER cut, the cost of day services to 16 non-Medicaid funded individuals is \$466,142.

LOB Reduction 106-75-406: Reduce Sheltered and Group Supported Employment Services and Associated FASTER Services. As a result of this reduction, 41 of 354 (12 percent) individuals currently receiving non-Medicaid funded sheltered and group supported employment services will have their day (and associated FASTER) services reduced. As a result, there will be a reduction in the provision of a safe and engaging environment for affected individuals during the day; increased familial and residential group home burden to secure additional day time support and services; potential loss of family members' ability to participate in gainful employment outside of the home; and possible increase in residential or other supportive services costs. Excluding the FASTER cut, the cost of sheltered and group supported employment services to 41 non-Medicaid funded individuals is \$705,082.