

DHS Updates for WCHSA Executive Board Meeting January 7, 2016

Division of Long Term Care (DLTC)

Behavioral Treatment Benefit Transition: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document for Families and Regional Meeting Presentation Available

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has developed a FAQ (available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Hmong](#)) to respond to questions families may have regarding the upcoming transition of coverage for autism treatment services from the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program to the new ForwardHealth behavioral treatment benefit. Additionally, ForwardHealth has published the regional meeting presentation (available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Hmong](#)) that was shared with families across the state in November 2015.

Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSAS)

Community Mental Health Profile Appendix Profile # 516 Questions and concerns regarding Appendix #516 and the forthcoming memo should be directed to Maura Klein Contract Administrator, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery DMHSAS maura.klein@wisconsin.gov 608-266-7072.

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability (DHCAA)

Affordable Care Act (ACA) 2015 Carryover Funds Administrator's Memo 15-05

The purpose of this memo is to announce a three month carryover of 2015 ACA unspent funds to support workload related to implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Fraud Prevention and Investigation Program Allocations and Guidelines for CY 2015 Administrator's Memo 15-04

The purpose of this memo is to provide information regarding DHS Fraud Prevention and Investigation Program (FPIP) operation and funding for calendar year (CY) 2016.

ForwardHealth Update

New ForwardHealth Behavioral Treatment Benefit Forward Health Update No. 2015-62

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, ForwardHealth will begin coverage of the new behavioral treatment benefit. This ForwardHealth update addresses the policy and program information for the new benefit.

SeniorCare Waiver Extended to December 31, 2018 Forward Health Update No. 2015-63

The federal waiver under which a portion of SeniorCare operates was due to expire on December 31, 2015; however the Department of Health Services has received approval that extends the SeniorCare waiver to December 31, 2018. SeniorCare for all levels of program participation will continue to operate as it does today and all current SeniorCare program policies will continue to apply.

Division of Quality Assurance (DQA)

Chapter 55 Emergency Protective Placements for Persons with Dementia in Crisis – Findings from a DHS Survey

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In February 2015, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources surveyed county adult protective services (APS) units to understand how emergency protective placements are used for persons with dementia.

The Chapter 55 Emergency Protective Placements for Persons with Dementia in Crisis – Findings from a DHS Survey report found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p00445.pdf> is based on survey responses from all 72 counties and one tribe. The key takeaway is that almost all counties (90 percent) reported they do not have access to a sufficient number of facilities willing to accept emergency protective placements of persons with dementia exhibiting challenging behaviors.

DHS hopes these findings will help inform local efforts to create collaborative strategies to address problems related to emergency protective placements for persons with dementia in crisis. The Department will begin to identify training needs and formulate best practice guidance in this area. Feel free to contact Alice Page, alice.page@wisconsin.gov, 608-261-5990, or Stan Shemanski, stanley.shemanski@wisconsin.gov, 608-266-2568, with any questions or concerns about the report. For more information on the Dementia-Capable Wisconsin Initiative, please see the DHS webpage at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dementia/index.htm>.