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TO: All Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Providers
FROM: CBAS Branch
DATE: May 11, 2012
SUBJECT: CBAS Onsite Eligibility Assessment and Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Processing Updates

Attached is a letter updating CBAS providers regarding onsite eligibility assessment activities and Treatment Authorization (TAR) processing.

Questions

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact the CBAS Branch at (916) 419-7545 or visit the following websites:

- DHCS CBAS/ADHC Transition website at <http://DHCS.ca.gov/ADHCtransition>
- CDA ADHC website at <http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/ADHC-CBAS/>

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Date: May 11, 2012
To: Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Center Administrators and Program Directors
From: The California Department of Aging (CDA) CBAS Branch
Subject: Onsite Eligibility Assessment Updates and Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Processing

Purpose This letter provides information regarding current CBAS onsite eligibility assessment activities and TAR processing.

Onsite Assessment Activities Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) nurses are currently scheduling and conducting onsite visits to CBAS centers to perform face-to-face eligibility assessments for all participants previously determined to be presumptively eligible (PE), per the terms of the Darling v. Douglas settlement, and all newly enrolled participants.

Face-to-face assessments of individuals previously found to be categorically eligible (CE) will begin no sooner than October 2012 or upon transition of CBAS to managed care per the terms of the Settlement.

NOTE: PE participants found ineligible after a face-to-face eligibility assessment will be allowed to continue services until their ECM Care Plan & Referral are in place or on refusal of ECM services by the participant. Providers will not be at risk for services provided to such PE participants up to and including the period of completion of the Care Plan and Referrals or participant refusal of ECM services.

TAR Processing DHCS is adjudicating TARs according to the date they are received in the field office. CBAS providers do not need to contact the Medi-Cal Field Office to schedule onsite visits. DHCS nurses are aware of PE assessments that need to be conducted, and the CBAS center's submission of TARs for new participants will serve as a trigger for additional onsite scheduling.

Reauthorization TARs submitted for continuing CBAS approved participants are currently being adjudicated without a face-to-face assessment if one has previously been done in recent months. Face-to-face assessments for reauthorization TARs will be conducted if there is a change in level of service or medical condition.

We appreciate your continued patience. The DHCS nurses are adjudicating TARs and doing face-to-face assessments at CBAS centers as quickly as possible.

Inquiries For questions about this letter, call the CDA CBAS Branch at (916) 419-7545. Please direct questions about TARs to the Los Angeles Medi-Cal Field Office at (213) 897-0745.