MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY BROADCAST 2

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The following acronyms are used in this broadcast:

- CMS – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- CSB – Community Services Board
- DBHDS - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- DD – Developmental Disability
- DS – Day Support
- ID –Intellectual disability
- DMAS – Department of Medical Assistance Services
- IDOLS - Intellectual Disability On-line System
- LDSS – Local Departments of Social Services
- WaMS - Waiver Management System

The purpose of this broadcast is to alert LDSS eligibility staff to a change in the authorization system for the Home and Community Based Care Waivers that serve individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. DMAS, in conjunction with DBHDS, is amending (i.e. redesigning) the current DD, ID and DS Waivers to combine waiver services for individuals with developmental disabilities (including intellectual disability) as the Building Independence, Family and Individual Supports and Community Living waivers. The amended waivers include new services, reimbursement tiers, and slot assignment procedures. The waiver redesigns DO NOT impact the Medicaid long-term care eligibility determination process.

As a part of this transition, DBHDS is discontinuing the use of IDOLS and is implementing a new electronic information system, WaMS, to manage the combined waivers’ waiting list, slot assignments, and enrollment activities. Beginning as early as 8/1/16 or upon CMS’ approval of the amended waivers, a screen print from WaMS will be used to confirm approval for enrollment in preparation for the newly amended Building Independence, Family and Individual Supports and Community Living waivers. LDSS eligibility staff will receive screen prints that include language verifying that the level of care has been met and authorizing the use of the special institutional rules at the bottom of the print. A completed DMAS 225 for each individual identifying the CSB providing the services and the begin date of service will be attached to each screen print. An example of a WaMS screen print is below.
Continue to accept the existing IDOLS screen print until DBHDS/CSB staff transitions to using WaMS. Information about the amended/redesigned waivers will be included in the next Medical Assistance Eligibility Manual transmittal.

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