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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary L. Allen Dobson, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health Policy and Medical Assistance

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Re: Increase in CAP MR/DD slots

Dear County Director of Social Services:

DMA and DMH/DD/SAS have submitted a technical amendment to the CAP MR/DD waiver to increase the number of people that can be served. If the technical amendment is approved, it will bring an additional 2,000 individuals into the waiver. This increase is targeted to those individuals who are Medicaid recipients and who received Developmental Therapy through Community Based Services (CBS) that will no longer be available.

Since this amendment affects current Medicaid recipients, it is not anticipated that this will create an increase in Medicaid applications. However, it will affect the local department of social service offices (DSS) in the processing of the MR-2 and determining CAP/MR eligibility. The local management entities (LME) will work with the local DSS offices to keep them informed of any ensuing developments.

Additionally, it has come to our attention that in processing the MR-2 the approved MR-2 is returned to the LME who forwards the stamped copy to the local DSS. This is different from the process in the eligibility manuals of the MR-2 going to the DSS directly from the Murdoch Center. The manual will be corrected.

Sincerely,

L. Allen Dobson