

URGENT COUNTY ALERT



Minnesota Department of **Human Services** -----

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To: County DD Supervisors
County MR/RC waiver coordinators

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Subject: MR/RC waiver allocations

Changes enacted by the 1999 legislature resulted in an allocation process for the MR/RC waiver which considers budgeting and allocation of resources on a biennial basis. The most recent fiscal analysis shows that paid claims are substantially below authorized expenditures. This creates an opportunity for additional allocations to be offered to families and consumers through a waiver that has historically been difficult to access as evidenced by a waiting list of over 4500 people.

As a result, counties may offer an unlimited number of MR/RC waiver allocations to eligible persons through the end of this fiscal year. In order to receive allocations individuals must be screened and "in service" by June 30, 2001:

"In service" means that persons must be receiving case management with at least one other service by June 30, 2001.

- Other habilitative services should be added as indicated in the persons' support plan and may be added later than June 30, 2001.

Services must be in compliance with the MR/RC waiver plan.

- These allocations will be considered original waiver diversions.

We encourage you to consider persons on the waiting list as a priority. However, all individuals who are eligible may be offered waiver resources through this one time allocation process. Given the short time-lines, we recognize this may cause you to re-evaluate your internal policies and procedures and suspend them as necessary to expedite getting people on the waiver.

Implementation:

- Effective immediately allocations are available to eligible individuals.
- Enter screening documents and service agreements into MMIS as usual.
- Notify CSMD of information for the 2.0 tracking system. You may:
 - mail the Waivered Services Advisory form; or

fax (651/582-1960, Attn: Maggie) or e-mail (maggie.friend@state.mn.us) the following information: names, PMI #, case manager, living arrangement, and waiver-in date.

Waivered services advisories for each individual are not necessary, ie more than one person can be on a sheet of paper. Waiver allocation." slot" numbers will be forwarded to the county case manager via fax or e-mail.

By May 1st, 2001 notify CSMD by fax (651-582-1960 attention: Maggie) or e-mail (maggie.friend@state.mn.us) of the number of people who are not already in service but who are projected to be in service by June 30th.

Contact your Regional Resource Specialist for additional information or technical assistance.