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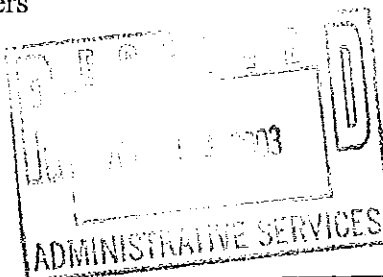


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Developmental Services Directors; Business Managers
FROM: Theresa A. M. Wood, Director, DDS *[Signature]*
DATE: August 8, 2003
SUBJECT: Waiver Billing During Hospitalizations



The developmental services waiver recently received federal approval to continue operating for another five years. As part of that approval we asked for permission to bill waiver services for individuals during hospital stays. We were granted approval to do so.

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Billing
refused*
You may bill for waiver services for any individual who is hospitalized at a medical hospital or Vermont State Hospital for a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive days per hospitalization. There is no maximum limit annually on the number of days. If a person is hospitalized more than thirty (30) consecutive days, then on day thirty-one (31), waiver billing must be discontinued until the person's discharge. As we have done in the past, you may request the general fund share of that person's waiver for any days not billable. It is not automatic, however, and an invoice must accompany your waiver spreadsheet submission to Jim Euber.

This provision does not include correctional facilities or any other situation where billing is suspended.

As we all age, this is an important step to enabling the continuity of services during vulnerable times in peoples' lives. For those of you who already continued home provider or staff payments during hospitalizations, this will reduce any loss you experienced doing so. For those who were not continuing such payments, this will allow you to do so.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

/s

CC: Jim Euber ✓
DS Leadership Team