

CMS-2261-P-11 Rehabilitation Services: State Plan Option**Submitter :** Mr. Phil Emory**Date & Time:** 08/17/2007**Organization :** Gateway House, Inc.**Category :** Health Care Provider/Association**Issue Areas/Comments****GENERAL**

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The proposed medicaid changes in the area of rehabilitation services if approved, will devastate the mental health service delivery system. Persons living with a serious mental illness need a variety of services not only to improve level of functioning but also to sustain level of functioning in order to remain in the community and out of psychiatric institutions or jail. The mental health system needs to be responsive to the needs of the seriously mentally ill and must be able to provide medicaid reimbursable services in a variety of settings including on-the-job support and assistance. If we are truly going to provide recovery oriented services we need to include employment support services and educational support. We must be able to focus on the services that work and programs that are evidence based such as the Clubhouse Model of Psychiatric Rehabilitation. There are now over 150 Clubhouse Model Programs in the United States that are certified by the International Center for Clubhouse Development. Clubhouse Model Programs focus on providing services that help the mentally ill be able to live and function in the community with dignity. Helping Clubhouse members return to work and/or school is important if we are truly interested in providing recovery oriented services. There needs to be more flexibility in medicaid system to promote and reinforce the delivery of these supports and services. I urge you to please not approve the changes in the rehabilitation services as they relate to medicaid reimbursement.

CMS-2261-P-12 Rehabilitation Services: State Plan Option

Submitter : Ms. Alice Tsai

Date & Time: 08/20/2007

Organization : Janet Wattles Center

Category : Consumer Group

Issue Areas/Comments

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A friend of mine told me that homemaker services are at jeopardy in the near future because of dwindling funding from DRS offices. She fears that a lot of people with disabilities who can live fine in their own apartments may be restricted to nursing homes if they cannot have the help they need from homemakers, if the funding is eliminated. This is a Medicaid service. Please protect and fund the Medicaid homemaker services for people with disabilities so that they do not have to live in a more restrictive environment, namely nursing homes. To do so would be keeping with the spirit of the Olmstead Law. Thank you.

CMS-2261-P-13 Rehabilitation Services: State Plan Option

Submitter : Ms. Linda Robinson

Date & Time: 08/21/2007

Organization : Ms. Linda Robinson

Category : Individual

Issue Areas/Comments

Background

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I don't think that Medicate should pay for Peer Specialist to lead the classes. I know that here in Ohio in some of the counties they do a great job, but here in Summit County they are not doing a good job. The leaders fight among themselves and they make up names so they can hold classes when they only have one person and they know they can't have a class with one person in it, and that one person drops out after one week. It might be different if we had people who were consumers that have worked in the area of mental health dealing with other consumers for a couple of years before they became Peer Specialist leaders.

Collections of Information

Requirements

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I am a consumer. I am also active in NAMI. I work in a consumer run library. I am president of a consumer run support group. I am very active in communicating with Ohio Senators and Congressmen in Washington D C. I try to go to as many consumer conferences as I can go to so I can learn as much as I can so I can help other consumers.

CMS-2261-P-14 Rehabilitation Services: State Plan Option

Submitter : Dr. Bryan Reuss

Date & Time: 08/21/2007

Organization : Orlando Orthopaedic Center

Category : Physician

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I have been very pleased with the care my patients have received from the physical therapists that practice under our direction. It is very beneficial to the patients to be treated in an environment where the therapists and physicians can easily discuss their care and progress. Please do not take away this asset to the patients. Allow us to maintain in-office PT for the benefit of our patients.