

The Department of Health and Welfare will be transitioning oversight of children's service coordination (CSC) from the Division of Family and Community Services to the Division of Medicaid on July 1, 2013. This operational change is the result of the shift of service coordination for children with developmental disabilities/delays and infant toddler from a state plan benefit to administrative case management within the Department.

As part of this transition, initial and annual requests for plan development for children's service coordination for children with severe emotional disturbances or special health care needs will be managed by the Behavioral Health or Medical Care programs within the Division of Medicaid. The method which service coordination agencies submit requests will not change during this transition. Agencies should continue to submit requests by fax to (208) 334-6616 or by e-mail to CSCRequests@dhw.idaho.gov.

The majority of existing CSC plan development prior authorizations (PAs) for children's service coordination currently end June 30, 2013. The Department plans to manage these existing prior authorizations as follows:

- Children whose primary qualifying condition for service coordination has been identified by the Department as a special health care condition will automatically have their prior authorization extended to a full one year authorization. For example if the existing prior authorization was effective February 15 through June 30, 2013, the authorization would be extended through February 14, 2014.
- Children's whose primary qualifying condition for service coordination has been identified by the Department as a severe emotional disturbance will automatically have their prior authorization extend until October 31, 2013 when the manage care system for behavioral health is expected to fully implement.
- Children whose primary qualifying condition is developmental disability, development delay or infant toddler eligibility will not have their prior authorizations extended as these benefits discontinue June 30, 2013.

Questions regarding this transition should be directed as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Extensions of existed CSC authorizations	Russell Salyards	(208) 334-0762
New PAs for Special Health Care CSC	Susan Scheuerer	(208) 364-1954
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Thank you for your participation in the Medicaid program.