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MEMORANDUM

TO: Providers of Services under the DD Waivers

FROM: Dawn Traver, Director of Waiver Operations

SUBJECT: Extension of Service Authorization Grace Period

DATE: October 25, 2016

DBHDS and DMAS have agreed that it is advantageous to providers and support coordinators/case managers to extend the amended waivers' related "grace period" regarding service authorizations to November 30, 2016.

The grace period is permitted for service authorizations submitted through the Waiver Management System (WaMS) effecting the following changes:

- adding the group home size modifier
- changing Therapeutic Consultation codes
- adding needed modifiers for number of individuals supported through In-Home Supports
- changing the procedure code for nursing services (regarding the fact that the former Skilled Nursing code became the Private Duty Nursing code, so those truly providing SN must complete a SA request to change to the new code).

The grace period does not apply to initial, renewal or modification service authorization requests that are submitted late.

For further information regarding group home size modifiers, see the DMAS Medicaid Memo dated May 31, 2016. For further information regarding service authorization and WaMS, see the September 1, 2016 Medicaid Memo.