

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COMMUNITYCARE REFERRALS.

The CommunityCARE referral and KIDMED linkage requirements were temporarily waived for recipients from the 13 parishes most directly affected by hurricane Katrina. Those waivers will end effective with dates of service **November 1, 2005**, for enrollees in the following parishes: St. James, Lafourche, Washington, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, St. Charles and St. John. **This means that if you provide medical care to a CommunityCARE recipient from one of the above parishes, on or after November 1, 2005, and you are not the PCP provider of record, you will need a referral from the PCP in order to be paid by Medicaid. Services provided to KIDMED enrollees who are not in CommunityCARE must be provided by the KIDMED provider of record.** The requirement for a CommunityCARE referral/KIDMED linkage waiver will continue to be waived for recipients from Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, East Jefferson, West Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes until further notice.

The effective date of the waiver of 60 days timely filing of KIDMED claims has been changed from August 27, 2005 to August 01, 2005. The waiver will end effective with dates of service November 1, 2005 for all providers except those in Orleans, West Jefferson, East Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Mary, Cameron, Iberia, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Calcasieu and Vermillion parishes.

Effective with dates of service **September 21, 2005-October 31, 2005**, the CommunityCARE referral and KIDMED linkage requirements will be waived for recipients from Allen, Beauregard, Evangeline, Lafayette, Vernon, Jefferson Davis, Acadia and St. Martin parishes. This means that CommunityCARE services provided to recipients from the above parishes for dates of service September 21, 2005-October 31, 2005 do not require a referral from the PCP, and KIDMED enrollees who are not in CommunityCARE can receive KIDMED services from any certified Louisiana Medicaid provider. In addition, the same CommunityCARE/KIDMED requirements mentioned above will be waived for recipients from Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia and St. Mary parishes for dates of service September 21, 2005 until further notice.