

**RE: September 9, 2005 Memorandum Changing Policy/Procedures for Medicaid Waiver Service Provider and Support Coordination Agencies**

Medicaid issued a memorandum dated September 9, 2005 which changed certain policy/procedures related to home and community based waiver services in response to hurricane Katrina. The changes, unless an alternate date was stated in the memorandum, were to remain in effect until February 28, 2006.

This is a reminder and clarification that the changes that were to expire on February 28, 2006 **will expire and with the following exceptions:**

1. The rule regarding direct support staff providing waiver services in the home of the worker will continue to be waived through June 30, 2006 for participants affected by hurricane Katrina.
2. Providers from regions 1, 3, and 9 that have participants displaced by hurricane Katrina with them, regardless of the location, in Louisiana or out-of-state, may continue to deliver those services subject to the following requirements:
  - If you have not already done so, you must contact the Bureau of Health Services Financing, Health Standards Section no later than 10 days from the date of this notice. Health Standards will advise you as to what steps you need to take to continue to provide services in your current location.
  - Failure to notify Health Standards may result in adverse action against your license and/or provider agreement.
3. The 30 and 90 day continuity of stay rules will continue to be waived through June 30, 2006 for participants affected by hurricane Katrina.

All other program rules in place September 8, 2005 will be enforced effective March 1, 2006.