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RE: Developmental Therapies and Personal Assistance

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This memo is to inform consumers, families, CFAC, providers and other stakeholders that The Durham Center has determined the need for a waiting list for new services under Developmental Therapies (DT) and Personal Assistance (PA). This does NOT affect people who are currently receiving these services. Currently authorized consumers will continue to receive appropriate levels of services. Again, this action only pertains to new consumers requesting developmental therapies and personal assistance. We are hopeful that it will be of limited duration.

We are taking this action based on our FY09 budget and spending level to date. The Durham Center has reached its capacity for funding NEW consumers of Developmental Therapies and Personal Assistance. We are addressing these concerns now to head off a budget problem later this year.

It is our hope the necessity for this waiting list will be very short-term as the new CAP waiver system is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2008. It is anticipated that through the course of the next five to six months, this new waiver system will move funding for some consumers currently receiving DT or PA to Medicaid. Thus the new waiver funds will allow the State funds to be used to serve people who have been placed on the waiting list.

The Durham Center will continue to evaluate spending in this area and the effect of our new waiver as well as the rate of expenditures in all service areas to make adjustments as necessary to meet our service needs.