

TO: All Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, Care At Home Coordinators

FROM: Mark Kissinger, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Long Term Care

SUBJECT: Care At Home I/II Waiver Renewal

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to advise the LDSS staff that the State has obtained a 90 day extension from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to continue operating the current Care At Home (CAH) I/II program, a 1915(c) home and community based Medicaid waiver. The extension is through February 28, 2009.

The LDSS CAH staff should continue to accept and process applications for enrollment in CAH I/II using the current eligibility criteria. To be eligible for enrollment, the child must:

- Be ineligible for Medicaid due to parents' excess income and/or resources.
- Be Medicaid eligible when parents' income and/or resources are not counted.
- Be under 18 years of age.
- Have an institutional stay of 30 consecutive days.
- Be determined physically disabled based on SSI criteria.
- Require a skilled nursing facility or hospital level of care, and
- Be able to be cared for at home safely.

DOH continues to work with CMS on the CAH I/II renewal application submitted in August 2008.

We will advise the LDSS staff of changes as they arise.