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MEMORANDUM

TO: CSA Staff, Providers
FROM: Frank Sullivan
DATE: 08/04/02
SUBJECT: PMHS NON-MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
CC: CBH, MACSA, Brian Hepburn, M.D., Mary Ellen North.

On July 1, 2002 eligibility for the Public Mental Health Service (PMHS) changed for persons without Medicaid. The “gray zone” term is no longer applicable. Essentially, PRP and RRP services to non-Medicaid individuals are grant funded. The “old” income eligibility level is reduced to Pharmacy Assistance (PA) Levels (116% of Federal Poverty).

Numerous questions have been posited, and the CSA has written a flow chart and narrative to guide people through this complex process. This flow sheet has been reviewed, but not approved for use by either MHA or MHP. However, they are aware of it and seem to agree with most of it.

Due to the complexity of the process, the urgency of the questions, and the desire of the CSA to provide leadership and assistance to consumers and providers, I have decided to release this document at this time. This document is not policy. It may not be 100% accurate, but it seems useful. Additionally, the reader should keep in mind that:

- 1) The document is for purposes of clarifying who is financially eligible.
- 2) It does not answer specific questions such as what is “urgent”, “homeless”, etc.
- 3) MHP continues to determine if medical necessity criteria is met.
- 4) Payment is not guaranteed if persons meet eligibility.
- 5) The request for payment process through the CSAs will be addressed in a different procedure and should be completed soon.

Please let the CSA know how “user friendly” you find this process. We would like to know how this tool could be improved. If it becomes “official” we will let you know.

Thank you.

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