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Community Centered Board Executive Directors  
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Dear Administrator:

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2010

**SUBJECT: Implementation of Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) Waiver Amendment to change Service Plan Authorization Levels**

This Dear Administrative Letter (DAL) replaces the Advisory Memorandum dated August 21, 2009 specific to the Service Plan Authorization Limit.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide direction regarding the implementation of the amendment to the Service Plan Authorization Limits in the Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services waiver (HCBS-SLS) and subsequent revisions to Service Plans. The following describes the amendments to Appendix C of the HCBS-SLS waiver:

### Service Plan Authorization Limits (SPALs)

- The current SPAL levels A-D changed to SPAL levels 1-6 to correlate specifically to the Support Level identified by the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) and the supplemental assessment factors. This change provides a more equal access to services as needed in association with each SIS Level.
- Non-medical transportation is removed from the SPAL. This change provides a more equal access to day habilitation services due to different travel distances.
- Dental and Vision services are removed from the SPAL. These services are identified on an intermittent basis and therefore within the limitation for on-going services.

Non-medical transportation is now limited to 4 trips per week. Transportation to and from day program is not included in this limit.

There is no change for participants currently at Service Plan Authorization Limit E.

Implementation of the amended SPAL shall occur in a manner that provides the least amount of disruption to participants' existing services while allowing flexibility for participants who may receive an increase of some services in order to meet identified needs and as defined by the amended SPAL.

The following implementation of the amended SPAL shall occur:

The Case Manager is authorized to implement the amended Service Plan Authorization Limits. See the attachment for the SPAL associated with each Support Level 1-6.

Amended SPALs must be applied in the Service Plan at the time of enrollment or the Continued Stay Review (CSR). SPAL E may continue at the time of the CSR only for participants currently at that limitation.

Existing Service Plans may be revised voluntarily to include the amended SPALs. When revising an existing Service Plan, the Case Manager must specify which SPAL shall be applied in CCMS by choosing either 'Based on 4 SPAL Levels' or 'Based on 6 SPAL Levels' in the 'Amendment SPAL Choice' field on the IP Coversheet page.

Individualized Plan Cover Sheets must be revised when a Service Plan revision to utilize the amended SPALs also includes:

- new services added to the Service Plan.
- services that are being increased, decreased or deleted from the Service Plan

Questions regarding this DAL may be directed to Shari Repinski at (303) 866-7442 or via email at [shari.repinski@state.co.us](mailto:shari.repinski@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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Attachment A

Supported Living Services	Maximum Amount	Criteria
Authorization Limit 1	\$12,442	Support Level 1
Authorization Limit 2	\$13,640	Support Level 2
Authorization Limit 3	\$15,345	Support Level 3
Authorization Limit 4	\$17,649	Support Level 4
Authorization Limit 5	\$21,243	Support Level 5
Authorization Limit 6	\$27,924	Support Level 6
Authorization Limit 7	\$35,000	Limited to participants currently at this authorization limit