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Information about Individuals Aging Out of the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program

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Audience: Administrative Entities and Supports Coordination Organizations

Purpose: To alert the field to the changes to the process for individuals aging out of the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program as a result of designated funding no longer available.

Effective July 1, 2010, designated funding for children aging out of EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) program will no longer be available.

Enrollment of individuals aging out should follow the Administrative Entity's (AE) existing waiver capacity management processes, and all sources of natural supports and funding should be considered to address identified needs. The AE will determine prioritization of individuals aging out of EPSDT within the context of everyone that has applied to the AE for waiver funding and enrollment based on the most emergent need of all of those individuals when waiver capacity is available. Those for whom waiver capacity is not available will be prioritized according to the waiver capacity management process. Once capacity is available and the individual is enrolled, the Enrollment Indicator in HCSIS labeled "EPSDT Age Out" should be selected to identify that the individual had received EPSDT nursing and/or home health aide shift services. The "EPSDT Age Out" Enrollment Indicator in HCSIS should only be selected to identify individuals that received EPSDT nursing and/or home health aide shift services.

Through review it has become apparent that not all of the individuals aging out of EPSDT have significant health needs that would warrant emergency status on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) waitlist. Therefore, these individuals should no longer be considered an emergency priority solely based on their aging out of EPSDT. Rather they should be evaluated for prioritization based on their assessed needs. AEs are expected to manage the enrollment of EPSDT age-outs in accordance with their existing waiver capacity management policies.

Planning for EPSDT will still begin prior to the individual's 21st birthday or age-out date. The Regional Waiver Capacity Managers will forward the AE a Resource Facilitation Team (RFT) planning form for each individual registered for MR services 9 months prior

to age-out. The AE will inform the appropriate Supports Coordinator (SC) of the individual aging out to begin the planning process. The SC should meet with the individual and their RFT planning team within 60 days of notification in order to assess the needs of the individual. Enrollment in a waiver will no longer be automatic based on having received EPSDT nursing and/or home health aide shift services. A PUNS form should be reviewed and updated, as appropriate. The SC should return the completed planning form to the AE 6-months prior to the individual's age out date.

Please reference the chart below for the timeframes and actions that need to be taken to support this new process.

Timeframe	Action
9 months prior to individual's age out date	Regional Waiver Capacity Manager forwards RFT planning form to AE.
9 months prior to individual's age out date	AE forwards RFT planning form to SC
7-9 months prior to individual's age out date	SC meets with team to plan including completion of the PUNS and RFT planning form.
7 months prior to individual's age out date	SC returns the RFT planning form to AE. This must be within 60 days of receipt of the RFT planning form
6 months prior to individual's age out date	AE returns completed RFT planning form to Regional Waiver Capacity Manager
Within 6 months to individual's age out date	AE manages enrollment within existing waiver capacity management processes.

Please feel free to contact your Regional Waiver Capacity Manager with questions.