



**Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

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To: County Board of MRDD Superintendents  
County Board of MRDD COG Directors  
County Board of MRDD Business Managers  
County Board of MRDD Waiver Contacts  
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From: Patrick Stephan, Deputy Director, Medicaid Development and Administration, ODMRDD

**Subject: RE: Update on Level One Waiver Allocations from May 2008**

ODMRDD received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for additional Level One (LI) capacity in May of 2008, which was dispensed immediately, rather than our usual release at the beginning of the following quarter. The delayed release of this capacity in the middle of the quarter, along with the release of third quarter capacity on its usual time of release meant counties were responsible for processing two groups of waiver allocations at the same time, a situation which was unavoidable and unique. In a desire to avoid the loss of waiver capacity by counties, ODMRDD has decided the appropriate action would be the following:

**For the regular LI capacity released in mid May 2008, ODMRDD will extend the due date for these waiver applications until October 17, 2008.**

ODMRDD hopes this one-time extension will facilitate the processing of LI waiver applications without the concern for potential loss of waivers that otherwise would occur.

I appreciate your cooperation in completing these LI waiver applications within this revised time period. All other waiver allocations in process and all future allocations remain within the usual timeframes for submission (90 days) to ODMRDD. Thank you.

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