



## Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

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**To:** County Board of MRDD Superintendents County Board of MRDD Business Managers  
County Board of MRDD COG Directors County Board of MRDD SSA Directors

**From:** Jane Black, Medicaid Policy Lead, Medicaid Development and Administration, ODMRDD

**Subject:** CMS Approves Level One Additional Capacity; Waiver Allocation Updates

- **Level One Capacity**

On Friday, January 2, 2009, ODMRDD received notification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that our Request for Amendment to increase capacity for the Level One waiver was approved. This gives ODMRDD the ability to allocate approximately 2,000 additional Level One waivers to County Boards of MRDD, which brings the total number of available capacity for the Level One waiver to 8,500. ODMRDD will begin processing LV1 waiver allocations as soon as possible. We will start by allocating the replacement requests received to date and any unallocated 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 08 regular LV1 allocations.

- **Martin IO Waiver Allocations**

Per the Martin memo to the field dated December 30, 2008, and with updated PICT data this morning, we still do not have sufficient numbers of Nursing Facility (Martin type) requests in the PICT. Our office is in communication with a number of county boards to remedy this situation. We hope to have this resolved by the end of the week. Once there are sufficient Martin NF requests in the PICT, we will allocate the balance of all Martin IO waivers.

- **Regular IO & LV1 Allocations for 2009**

Regular allocations for IO and LV1 for 1<sup>st</sup> qtr 09 will be processed after numbers 1 & 2 above.

- **WMS Go Live**

Due to the go live of WMS2 this week (refer to MDA's memo dated January 2, 2009 – an additional memo is forthcoming) we are beginning to experience some technical difficulties with the PICT. MDA is working in conjunction with our IT department to try and maintain "business as usual". However we will not have access to any of the computer systems for a period of time while the conversion from WTS to WMS is completed. Patience will be the name of the game for all of us. We will process the allocations as quickly as we are able to do so. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

All questions should be directed to: [waivercapacity-support@odmrdd.state.oh.us](mailto:waivercapacity-support@odmrdd.state.oh.us) and [martin-settlement@odmrdd.state.oh.us](mailto:martin-settlement@odmrdd.state.oh.us)

Please share this communication and any of the communications referenced above with all applicable staff. Thank you.