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## Memorandum

To: Private Providers, Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Resource Administrators, PRAT Coordinators, IFS ARD, Self Determination Directors

From: Peter Mason, Operations Manager

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Re: Clinical Behavioral Supports or Health Care Coordination

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As part of the Comprehensive Waiver Renewal and the IFS Waiver Amendment effective 10/1/2008, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) eliminated in the renewal application the service called Consultation. The supports that were offered under Consultation were separated into Nutrition and Clinical Behavioral Supports. In addition, the renewal application contained a new service called Health Care Coordination. All changes in Clinical Behavioral Supports also apply to providers of the Autism Adult Pilot Program.

The department recently issued service definitions and qualification requirements for Clinical Behavioral Supports and Health Care Coordination. These service definitions and qualifications can be found on the DDS website under the Waiver Services link and at [DDS: How to Become a Qualified Provider](#).

Individual practitioners and/or agency employees who will provide Clinical Behavioral Supports are required to have at least two years of experience providing behavioral supports to people with developmental disabilities and either:

- Doctorate and current licensure in psychology (Licensure per CGS Chapter 383)
- Current certification as a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA)
- Master's degree in psychology, special education, social work or a related field
- Proof of Licensure per CGS Chapter 383b (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), or Licensure per CGS Chapter 383a or 383c (Marriage and Family Therapist or Professional Counselor) as applicable.

Individual practitioners and/or agency employees who will provide Health Care Coordination are required to be a Registered Nurse (RN) licensed in the State of Connecticut with at least two years of nursing experience and relevant experience with people served by DDS or individuals with behavioral health needs.

Effective 10/1/2009, the rate for Clinical Behavioral Supports increased to \$ 120.00 per hour and the rate for Health Care Coordination was established at \$ 71.00 per hour. All new applications and/or amended service requests to become a provider for Clinical Behavioral Supports or Health Care Coordination must meet the qualification requirements. More information will follow regarding the required renewal of qualified provider status for all individual practitioners and agency based clinical behavioral support practitioners.

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