

ID/A COALITION

THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM SERVICES COALITION OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 16, 2011

Deputy Secretary Kevin M. Friel
Office of Developmental Programs
PA Department of Public Welfare
502 Health & Welfare Building
P.O. Box 2675
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Dear Deputy Secretary Friel,

RE: Methodology for Rate Adjustment Factor for FY2012 Proposed Rates

The Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Coalition learned that ODP included a negative Rate Adjustment Factor of approximately .7% in the proposed rates for FY2012 in the letters that you sent to providers in the middle of June of this year. This adjustment is of interest and concern to us.

We assume that since most providers are spending at rates that are less than their revenue targets, the unit rates multiplied by historical utilization should theoretically generate a total that would be less than the amounts budgeted for the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers. As a result, based on historical utilization data, there would be no need for a negative Rate Adjustment Factor in rates.

We are aware, however, that your FY2012 letter on proposed rates states that in addition to historical utilization data, "...utilization trend factors determined by ODP" were also utilized in developing the Rate Adjustment Factor for these rates.

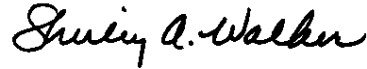
In the spirit of transparency, we are requesting that you share with us the specific utilization trend factor used in this calculation, including the data and assumptions used to develop this "utilization trend factor". We are also requesting a listing of all of the adjustments made by ODP to the Governor's recommended budget for FY2012 to develop the appropriation figure utilized in determining the need for, and size of, the Rate Adjustment Factor included in the FY2012 proposed rates.

We are available to discuss our questions and concerns about ODP's Rate Adjustment Factor methodology with you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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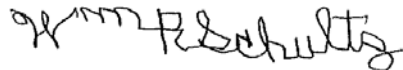
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THE ID/A COALITION CONSISTS OF STATEWIDE ADVOCACY AND PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING FOR SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM IN PENNSYLVANIA.
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