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REDUCTION OF MAINECARE SERVICES NOTICE

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Dear MaineCare Child Member or Legal Guardian:

Starting September 1, 2010, (or later, depending on when the new MaineCare claims system begins), Section 27 will be repealed. Section 27 is Early Intervention Services.

When this happens, your child may be able to get similar services under Section 28. Section 28 is Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations. Section 28 services are similar to the Section 27 services and are available for all eligible MaineCare members under age 21. Most children who use Section 27 services now will be able to use Section 28 services after the repeal.

The Department is making these changes to make sure that MaineCare follows federal law and that all services provided are medically necessary.

How will the change from Section 27 to Section 28 Services work?

- The Department is working with Section 27 providers so that they can become Section 28 providers.
- Children will be assessed for Section 28 services to see if they can get services under this section.
- The assessment will also see if there are other services the child is eligible for. Other services may include Behavioral Health (Section 65), Occupational Therapy (Section 68), Physical Therapy (Section 85), Speech and Hearing Services (Section 90), and EPSDT Treatment Services (Section 94).
- The assessment process will take about 30-60 days. **During this time the child will get Section 28 services. There will be no change in services until the assessment is done.**
- The child and their legal Guardian will get a written report. This will give information about what services the child is eligible for. The report will state if there is a reduction of services and what the reduction is. It will also explain the reasons for the reduction and the child's appeal rights.

- Federal law requires that the Department override service limits for children in certain cases. The law is known as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT). If services are proven to be medically necessary, children will continue to receive them. Be sure to ask your provider about EPSDT.

What should you do if your current Section 27 Provider does not become a Section 28 Provider?

- Contact Child Development Services (CDS) to see if they will pay for your child's services.
- If you have a case manager, talk with them about other agencies that can provide services to your child.
- Go to <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cbhs/provider-list/home.html> for a list of Section 28 providers in your area. (Be sure to tell the provider if your child needs work in a group, rather than at home. Not all Section 28 providers serve children in groups.)
- You can also contact the Office of Child and Family Services, Children's Behavioral Health Services in your area for help finding a new provider. Here is a list of contacts:

- **York County**

Michelle Armstrong
822-0243
1-800-492-0846
TTY 822-0272

- **Cumberland County**

Lisa Salger
822-0249
1-800-492-0846
TTY 822-0272

- **Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Washington Counties**

Judy Demerchant
493-4135
1-800-432-7366
TTY 1-800-606-0215

- **Kennebec, Somerset, Androscoggin, Franklin, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo Counties**

Lynn Dorso
(207)624-5263

Jeanne Tondreau
(207)624-5365
1-800-866-1814
TTY 1-800-606-0215

You do not have the right to appeal this change, because it applies to everyone equally.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Member Services at: 1-800-977-6740. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please call 1-800-977-6741.