



East Carolina Behavioral Health

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Northampton, Pamlico, & Pitt counties*

To: Consumers, Families, CFAC, Providers and other community stakeholders
From: Cindy Ehlers, Assistant Area Director
Date: May 15, 2009
Re: FY 09-10 State Funded Benefit Plan for Consumers of East Carolina Behavioral Health

This memo is to inform consumers, families, CFAC, providers and other stakeholders that East Carolina Behavioral Health has determined the need for a waiting list for new admissions to services in the following categories:

Developmental Therapies (DT)
Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)
Personal Assistance (PA).
Adult Day Activity (DA)
Adult Day Vocational Program (ADVP)
Group Living (GL)
Alternative Family Living (AFL)

This does **NOT** affect people who are currently receiving these services. Currently authorized consumers will continue to receive services within the available resources. Again, this action only pertains to new consumers requesting the above mentioned services.

We are taking this action based on our FY09 budget reductions and spending level to date. East Carolina Behavioral Health has reached its capacity for funding NEW consumers of these services. We are addressing these concerns now to head off a greater financial deficit later this year. We are also anticipating additional budget cuts related to North Carolinas overall deficits. It is our hope the necessity for this waiting list will be very short-term as the new CAP waiver is scheduled to be funded with the budget is approved by the N.C. House of course that is contingent upon those funds not being cut at the state level during the state's budget process.

East Carolina Behavioral Health will continue to evaluate spending in this area and the effect of funding allocations or reductions as well as the rate of expenditures in all service areas to make adjustments as necessary to meet our service needs.

Questions or concerns please contact Cindy Ehlers, Assistant Area Director 252-639-7703.