

TRANSITIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

A. Criteria for Transitional Case Management

1. Is the service recipient currently enrolled in a home and community-based services waiver program for persons with mental retardation?

If **YES**, stop and deny as a **non-covered service** based on the waiver service definition.

In addition, deny as a **non-covered service** any portion of the requested amount of Transitional Case Management which *exceeds* the waiver service limit of 180 days.

If **NO**, proceed to Question #2.

2. Is there documentation that the service recipient is a Medicaid eligible person residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) or other institutional setting (excluding a jail or correctional facility) who has been determined to qualify for waiver services upon discharge?

If **YES**, proceed to Question #3.

If **NO**, stop and deny as a **non-covered service** based on the waiver service definition.

In addition, deny as a **non-covered service** any portion of the requested amount of Transitional Case Management which *exceeds* the waiver service limit of 180 days.

3. Is there documentation that the service recipient will be discharged from the ICF/MR or other institutional setting and enrolled in the waiver within 180 days?

If **YES**, stop and approve the Transitional Case Management subject to the waiver service limit of 180 days.

In addition, deny as a **non-covered service** any portion of the requested amount of Transitional Case Management which *exceeds* the waiver service limit of 180 days.

NOTE: The date of service for billing purposes will be the date on which the individual is both discharged from the institution and is enrolled in the waiver program. The reimbursement rate will be based on the number of months that Transitional Case Management was provided with a 180-day (6 month) maximum.

If **NO**, stop and deny as a **non-covered service**.

In addition, deny as a **non-covered service** any portion of the requested amount of Transitional Case Management which *exceeds* the waiver service limit of 180 days.