



Monarch's Transforms Again

We've launched our new website and you joined our information list serve! Thank you!

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Welcome to your first e-newsletter from Monarch. You will be receiving regular e-newsletters as well as other information. Feedback is always appreciated, so if you would like to comment please email

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TheDesk.info: E-news Update on the Medicaid Reference Desk!!!!

Check out this exciting website where you can find information about Medicaid services in your state. <http://www.thedesk.info> is an accessible website about Medicaid for use by people with disabilities. The site has information posted about all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

There is a new feature on the site: MY PLAN is a web-based person-centered planning tool that helps people with disabilities identify their life dreams and the supports needed to achieve them. Users who complete MY PLAN can save or print out their own personal plan. Nancy Ward, Self-advocate and member of the web team, says, "One way MY PLAN can help people is to take their plan to meetings, like Individual Education Program meetings or Individual Service Plan meetings, to start the conversation about their dreams and the supports they want." A first version of MY PLAN is available at <http://www.thedesk.info/myplan/>. We invite you to try it out and give us feedback on how it works for you.

Every month the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health creates an update that is called an implementation update. These are typically published within the first week of a month.

The newest implementation can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/service_definitions/servdefupdates/dmadmh10-6-08update49.pdf

Highlights of this particular implementation include

- Medicaid Reimbursement for the Psychiatric Reduction,
- Reporting Change in Provider Status,
- Revised effective date for Enhanced Services Rate Changes,
- IPRS Monitoring of Community Support 25%,
- NEA (Notification of endorsement) Letters for 25% QP (qualified professional) Requirement,
- Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Program, and
- CAP/MR-DD Update