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SC • DEPARTMENT • OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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A special called meeting of the Commission of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs will be held on **Thursday, September 2, 2010, at 10:00 AM in Room 180** at the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Administrative Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, SC.

Note: Most Commission members will participate via telephone. However, the meeting will be videoconferenced at the following locations.

District II/HRM Office Bldg., Coastal Center Training Room 2 9995 Jamison Road Summerville, SC 29485 Contact: Sonia Gadsden (843) 821-5806	Pee Dee Regional Center Administration Building Conference Room 714 National Cemetery Road Florence, SC 29506 Contact: Phyllis Clark (843) 664-2618
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Upcoming scheduled Commission meetings:

- Work Session, Thursday, September 16, at 10:00 AM in Room 251
 - Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 16, at 1:30 PM in Room 251
- Both meetings will be held at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Administrative Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, SC.

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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A G E N D A

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Conference Room 180
Columbia, South Carolina**

September 2, 2010

10:00 AM

1. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Otis Speight*
2. Adoption of Agenda *Commissioner Rick Huntress*
3. New Business:
 - A. Community Support Waiver Amendment
4. Next Regular Meeting Date/September 16, 2010 – 1:30 P.M.

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS WAIVER Proposed Amendment

Recommendation:

The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is proposing to amend the Community Supports (CS) Waiver to reserve capacity for those currently receiving state-funded day services.

Background:

Data analysis completed by DDSN staff after the August 12 Commission Meeting indicates this change would benefit many DDSN consumers. Currently, DDSN provides 100% state dollars for 150 Medicaid eligible people statewide to receive an array of day services which are covered by Medicaid only through a waiver. If DHHS approves DDSN's request to enroll these 150 people in the CS Waiver, DDSN in turn would utilize the funding to enroll the first 200 people on the CS Waiver Waiting List. Adoption of the proposed amendment would allow approximately 350 people into the CS Waiver. If DDSN and DHHS do not act now the agencies would have to wait until after the previously adopted amendments are approved by CMS and implemented. The entire amendment process would have to begin again.

Impact:

- Adoption of the proposed amendment will offer much needed CS Waiver services to 350 people who meet ICF/MR Level of Care and are at risk for institutionalization.
- No service or benefit offered through the CS Waiver will be reduced by this amendment.
- No individual receiving services in the CS Waiver or on the CS Waiver waiting list will lose a service by this amendment.
- DHHS supports this amendment. DDSN and DHHS agree that a public hearing and MCAC approval are not necessary since there is no negative impact to any CS Waiver participant or individuals on the CS Waiting list.