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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All County, District and Area Offices

FROM: Mary Anne Rudolph, Director, Medicaid/TennCare Policy

DATE: October 13, 2005

SUBJECT: Desk Guide for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver is available for individuals who meet all the requirements for nursing home eligibility but prefer to stay in their homes. Individuals served by this waiver must have a Pre-Admission Evaluation (PAE) through the Bureau of TennCare and have financial eligibility determined by the Department of Human Services.

Attached to this memorandum is a desk guide provided by the Bureau of TennCare identifying the HCBS programs available in the State of Tennessee. Included in this guide is a description of each waiver, where they are available, and the services each one provides. The HCBS waiver for the Mentally Retarded (MR) is not included on this desk guide because DHS applications for the MR waiver are processed by specialized Eligibility Counselors housed at the MR facilities.

If you need more details, please refer to Appendix K found in Volume 1 of the Adult/Institutionalized Medicaid Manual. A copy of Appendix K can be found on DHS Intranet, Family Assistance Bulletins dated May 28, 2002.

Please copy the attachment as needed and make available to those inquiring about HCBS programs in Tennessee.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please direct them through usual channels.

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