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DATE: February 25, 2009
TO: MCCMH Executive Staff
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FROM: Donald I. Habkirk, Jr.,
Executive Director
RE: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE 1 / 2009**
Medicaid – Minors/CLS

Medicaid Provider Manual, January 1, 2009, Chapter 3, §17.2, p 94 provides:

“It is reasonable to expect that parents of minor children with disabilities will provide the same level of care they would provide to their children without disabilities.”

Based on this Medicaid provision, MCCMH is issuing the following organizational rule regarding CLS supports for minors:

There shall be no MCCMH authorization for CLS supports for supervision of minors solely in order for their parents to work. CLS supports can be authorized for minors in situations where there are specific goals that CLS supports are intended to address, including:

1. **Protection of the minor where there are serious health and safety issues so the minor can be maintained in the least restrictive community-based setting;**
2. **Support where the resources of the family/natural supports are inadequate to meet the needs of the child; e.g., disabled/health-impaired single parent without other natural supports;**
3. **Support where there are risk factors in the home for the minor or other members of the family.**

This MCCMH rule shall be implemented by the Access Center as current consumer CLS authorization periods expire.

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