



MENTAL RETARDATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT:
2176 Waiver Supplemental Grant Agreement for 1996-2000

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SCOPE:

County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrators

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to transmit the provisions of the supplemental grant agreement between the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Retardation, and county mental health and mental retardation programs for home and community based services for individuals with mental retardation under the 2176 Waiver.

BACKGROUND:

The Department's approved home and community based services waiver under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act provides for a grant agreement between the Department and the county mental health/mental retardation program for the administration and provision of waiver services. Grant agreements under the waiver have been in place since the waiver's inception in 1983 as a primary means of ensuring accountability in the use of federal and state funds.

DISCUSSION:

This new supplemental grant agreement is being sent to the county mental health and mental retardation administrators for signature by appropriate county commissioners or authority effective July 1, 1996. After the agreement has been signed by the county, it should be forwarded to the appropriate regional program manager to obtain departmental approval. Once signed by the county and the department, the agreement will continue to be in force for the duration of the waiver renewal period unless otherwise amended. Any subsequent change in the agreement will require the approval of the Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation as a modification to Appendix A of the Agreement – Supplemental Grant Conditions. This method of making modifications within Appendix A will avoid the need to enter into new agreements from year to year.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Appropriate Regional Program Manager