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SERVICE FEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Staff
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FROM: Cora McNabb
Executive Director
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DATE: December 10, 2002

RE: Disproportionate Share Hospital Service (formerly Kentucky Hospital
Care Program)

When an individual is dually eligible for the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Services and Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services, Dennis Boyd, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services, has confirmed that the **Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Services is the first payer** when funds are available.

Consumers should apply for Disproportionate Share Hospital prior to their scheduled hospital stays. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation pay document should only be issued when the consumer has been found not eligible for Disproportionate Share Hospital services or the hospital's allotment has been depleted. The current resource and income limits as well as all other conditions that an individual must meet for the Disproportionate Share Hospital Services can be found on the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services web site at Department for Medicaid Services, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Services, DSH Application, Section II.

Disproportionate Share Hospital allotments cover the state fiscal year. A hospital holding its Disproportionate Share Hospital allotment for individuals not dually eligible for Department of Vocational Rehabilitation is not justification for Department of Vocational Rehabilitation coverage of hospital services.

Disproportionate Share Hospital is considered a comparable benefit for physical restoration services. Federal regulation mandates that all available comparable benefits be fully utilized prior to the expenditure of vocational rehabilitation dollars.

The memorandum from Commissioner Boyd is attached. A copy of this memo may be given to any hospital that is questioning Department of Vocational Rehabilitation not paying for hospital services. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Woodford Memorial Hospital

(This Hospital has been deleted from our files.)