PROPOSED AMENDMENT
PERVERSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER (PDD)
MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is revising the proposed amendment previously announced to the public on May 15, 2012. The following revisions are identified below in **bold italics**.

1. **Enhanced Provider Qualifications and Rate for Line Therapists:**
   - An additional new qualification level for an Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) Line Therapist will require an Associate Degree or two years post-secondary education **or two years of EIBI line therapy work experience**.
   - The higher-educational requirement should assist providers with recruiting individuals who have a greater ability to understand the concepts of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy.
   - The new staff qualifications will result in two staff qualification levels and reimbursement rates:
     - Level 1 (Existing): High School Diploma
       - **Rate:** $14.00 per authorized hour
     - Level 2 (New): Associate Degree, two years post-secondary education, or two years of EIBI line therapy work experience.
       - **Rate:** $16.00 per authorized hour
   - The addition of the new qualification level should not affect the number of service hours authorized.
   - The existing line therapists should not be affected.
   - The new rate and qualifications should help improve the access of services to the PDD children.

2. **Prioritizing Children who received ABA therapy through Baby Net Services:**
   - Children who are receiving ABA therapy and aging out of the Baby Net Program will be prioritized and awarded PDD waiver slots to continue receiving therapy services.

3. **Quality Assurance (QA):**
   - Updates to the quality assurance waiver process will be made to help improve outcomes and increase accountability.
   - These QA changes are not expected to impact consumer delivery.

Projected Submission Date: **August 1, 2012**
Requested Approval Date: One month following CMS approval