VRIS UPDATE

Social Security Benefits Orientation & Analysis Effective 01/10/2011 Number 296

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The Social Security Benefits Orientation & Analysis Manual Chapter has been revised. Reference to the SSA 3288 Response Form has been removed as this form is no longer being used by the local Social Security Office. Requested information is now being provided using the Benefits Planning Query (BPQY).

The ESN/DHSS Release of Information Form has been added to the list of forms to be completed and sent to Easter Seals when referring a consumer. This form has been modified and approved by DHSS for releasing information about the consumer's benefits to Easter Seals. Having the ESN/DHSS Release of Information Form signed by the consumer and sent in the referral packet expedites the process. This allows Easter Seals to immediately request information from SSA and DHSS. Reference to this form has been added to the Social Security Benefits Orientation & Analysis Manual Chapter.

VRIS POSTING

The <u>ESN/DHSS Release of Information Form</u> is located on VRIS – Forms and Marketing – Case Service Forms – Release/Consent/Referral Forms section of the Program Manual.

The revised <u>Social Security Benefits Orientation & Analysis Manual Chapter</u> is located on VRIS – Program Manual – Employment Program section of the Program Manual.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Office Directors should discuss this VRIS Update at their next Team Meeting.

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