DHS Medicaid Waiver funding information

To Whom It May Concern:

Sertoma Centre is an agency that provides vocational and life skills training to individuals with developmental disabilities. Sertoma consumers receive funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Developmental Disabilities Division via a Medicaid Waiver. In the paragraph below I have outlined some information regarding the procedure for applying for services.

Community Service Options located at 6845 Western Ave. Chicago IL (773) 471-4700 is a Pre-Admission Screening Agent (PAS) for your community area that works with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to ensure that individuals requesting services meet all the eligibility requirements. The PAS agency must be contacted in order for an individual to be considered for funding for services. They usually require a recent psychological evaluation to be completed as well as a physical exam to determine if the individual has a qualifying diagnosis for services from an agency such as Sertoma Centre. All individuals who are applying for services to be funded by DHS also must be determined Medicaid eligible by the Department of Health & Family Services.

In the state of Illinois there is currently a wait list for funding for Day Program and other services. The state tracks individuals waiting for services by enrolling them on the PUNS database (Prioritization and Urgency of Needs for Services). Agencies like Sertoma Centre typically do not receive a referral packet of information from the PAS agent until after the individual is chosen for funding. Suburban Access can also provide a list of other providers in the area that may also meet the individual's needs.

I am also including some information about Sertoma Centre and the services we provide. Please feel free to call me at (708) 371-9700, ext. 352 if you have any questions regarding the above information. I can also be contacted if you would like a tour of our facilities in the future.

Sincerely,

Lynn King
Consumer Support Services Coordinator