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SUBJECT: Guidelines for Pre-admission Screening of Children with Disabilities Seeking Long-Term Care Services

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The purpose of this broadcast is to announce the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) publication of guidelines for pre-admission screening teams to use when screening children (birth up to age 21) with disabilities who are seeking long-term care services. These services include nursing facility placement or home- and community-based care waivers such as the Elderly and Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) Waiver.

This information is provided by DMAS as guidance for pre-admission screening teams and hospital screeners to be used with the existing pre-admission screening process. These guidelines do not replace the existing requirements for pre-admission screening. To access the new guidance, log on to <https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal>, click "Provider Services," then click "Medicaid Memos to Providers." Click "2012," then go to the October 3, 2012, memo entitled, "Development of Special Criteria for the Purposes of Pre-Admission Screening."

The Department of Social Services' Training Unit is incorporating the new guidelines into the Virginia Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI) course. The revised version is expected to be available in early 2013.

Please contact your Adult Services Regional Program Consultant if you have questions about the process.