



Department of Human Services
Office of Mental Health & Addiction Services

DATE: November 30, 2005

**TO: Intensive Treatment Service Providers
MHO Contractors**

**FROM: Ralph Summers, MSW, Manager
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**RE: Children's Mental Health System Change Initiative
Policy Six – Financing Updated**

The Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has updated the Children's System Change Initiative (CSCI) Policy Six regarding financing. OMHAS distributed a series of policy statements in September 2004 that provided guidance for CSCI implementation.

The Financing Policy has been updated to reflect the operational methodology that went into effect on October 1, 2005. Prior to implementation these changes received input from the Children's System Advisory Committee, Mental Health Organizations, provider groups, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Actuarial Services, and the DHS contract actuary firm.

Changes to the Financing Policy are in bold type and reflect modifications in the financing and infrastructure stabilization glide path dates and percentages, the rate setting percentages and dates for Psychiatric Residential and Psychiatric Day Treatment Services, and Long Term Psychiatric Care Services.

Thank you for your continued work to implement the Children's System Change Initiative. If you have questions about this policy please contact myself at 503-945-9827 or Bill Bouska at 503-945-9717.

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