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**Feds Approve Increasing Medicaid Demonstration Grant**  
*Home-based alternative to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities lauded*

JACKSON, MS.- (August 20, 2009) – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved increasing participation in the Mississippi Division of Medicaid's Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock (MYPAC) demonstration grant program. According to CMS, "We thank you for your dedicated efforts in participating in this project. We recognize your early success in implementing this demonstration waiver and will remain steadfast in our commitment to provide the technical assistance and support you may need to fully accomplish the goals of this demonstration program."

MYPAC Program Director Kristi Plotner said, "MYPAC is transforming the way mental health services are provided for our state's youth and their families. The program 'went live' in November of 2007, and has now been approved for larger participation due to favorable performance." She went on to say, "We wanted to make sure our children and families have better choices to access services at home of the same level and intensity as they would have had available to them from a psychiatric residential treatment facility."

Medicaid Executive Director Robert L. Robinson added, "Our MYPAC program is truly a 24/7 program that gives unique guidance that makes a difference for the child and for the child's family. Absent this waiver, these services would be limited exclusively to psychiatric residential treatment facilities." He went on to say, "Kristi Plotner is the engine driving this program. She and her team work long, hard hours because they care about those they serve!"

For more information on the Mississippi Medicaid MYPAC program call 1-800-421-2408.

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