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MEMORANDUM

To: Long Term Care Providers

From: Elizabeth A. Johnson, Esq /EJ by RDD
Commissioner
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Re: Local Contact Agency for Long-Term Care Resident Assessment, Section Q

Date: August 30, 2010

Effective October 1, 2010 the Long-Term Care Resident Assessment, Version 2.0, currently mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), will be replaced with the newly revised Minimum Data Set (MDS) Assessment, Version 3.0. Section Q of the MDS 3.0, has changed significantly. Criteria have been included to ensure that a resident's desire to be discharged to the community, when medically feasible, has been fully considered. The revisions to Section Q also require state Medicaid agencies to designate a Local Contact Agency (LCA) to provide information concerning community-based options to residents expressing a desire to receive that information.

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has contracted with the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) to be the initial contact point for the Section Q referral. DAIL, in turn, has designated the regional Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), operated by the Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living, as your LCA.

Your local ADRC will make contact with your facility prior to the implementation of MDS Version 3.0. The ADRC will provide you with contact information and a one-page standardized referral form and process. The local ADRCs are looking forward to partnering with you to successfully fulfill the requirements of CMS.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Carla Crane or Marnie Mountjoy with DAIL at 502-564-6930.

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