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To: ABI (17) Provider Letter A-22, SCL (33) Provider letter A-32, HCB (42) Provider Letter A-77, and Adult Day (43) Provider Letter A-35 regarding Medicaid Waiver Assessment Process.

Re: **Waiver Assessment Process**

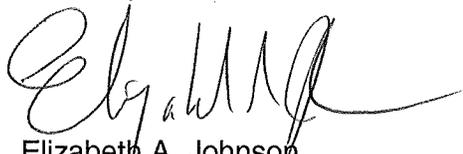
Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Effective May 1, 2009, assessment providers in all waiver programs will be able to initiate the assessment process for a recipient wishing to transition into the community while the recipient is still in a facility. Each assessment must also include a face-to-face home visit with the potential waiver recipient. Family of the waiver recipient may also participate, when appropriate. It is important to note that the home visit requirement is a critical component of the assessment process. It is during this time the assessment team is to consider the recipient's home environment and determine the informal supports necessary to meet the recipient's requirements. It shall then be agreed upon that planned waiver supports are appropriate and effective.

To ensure that providers are compensated for the assessment, the provider conducting the assessment will only bill DMS for the assessment after the home visit component is complete. The service date for the assessment, which may have taken place in several previous visits, should reflect only the date of the home visit, signifying the recipient has been discharged from the facility.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie H. Hoffmann at (502) 564-7450 ext 2128.

Sincerely,



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