

MEMORANDUM

NOTICE #: 053116-3-I-SWCBS

TO: Area Agency on Aging Executive Directors

FROM: Samuel P. Verghese, Secretary

DATE: Tuesday, May 31, 2016

SUBJECT: Notice of Instruction: Changes to Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS)

The purpose of this Notice is to address changes made to the service description for the highest-level evidence-based program titled Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS). These changes will ensure that reporting and billing more accurately reflect the service delivery system of this program. Attached is the new Service Description for PEARLS.

New service codes for PEARLS have been added to the Client Information and Registration Tracking System (CIRTS). Currently, PEARLS is reported aggregately and billed hourly. The new service codes will be reported by client and billed by episode after the completion of each component.

The current code, PEARLI, will become inactive on March 31, 2016, and the new codes will become effective on April 1, 2016. The new codes are as follows:

- PEARLS = PEARLS (SCREENING)
- PEARLE = PEARLS (ENROLLMENT)
- PEARL1 = PEARLS (SESSION 1)
- PEARL2 = PEARLS (SESSION 2)
- PEARL3 = PEARLS (SESSION 3)
- PEARL4 = PEARLS (SESSION 4)
- PEARL5 = PEARLS (SESSION 5)
- PEARL6 = PEARLS (SESSION 6)
- PEARL7 = PEARLS (SESSION 7)
- PEARL8 = PEARLS (SESSION 8)
- PEARLD = PEARLS (DISCHARGE)

Thank you for your cooperation with implementing the new program codes. If you have any questions, please contact your contract manager.