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MEMORANDUM

TO: AAA Directors and MWSs **Notice #:** **040413-1-I-SWCBS**

FROM: Charles T. Corley,
Secretary

DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Notice of Instruction: Home-Like Setting and Community Integration

The purpose of this notice is to provide information regarding the implementation of a home-like setting and community integration as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Due to the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2012, by CMS, all assisted living facilities participating in the Assisted Living and/or Aged and Disabled Adult Waiver programs must provide a home-like setting and community integration to all Medicaid waiver recipients receiving home and community-based waiver services in their facility.

In order for the Department of Elder Affairs (Department) to ensure that assisted living facilities are continuously maintaining a home-like environment and community integration in their facilities, the Department requires that all referral agreements or subcontracts with the specified providers be modified to include the following language on or before July 1, 2013:

“Any assisted living facility providing services to Assisted Living and/or Aged and Disabled Adult Waiver program recipients shall support the recipient’s community inclusion and integration by working with the recipient and the recipient’s case manager to facilitate the integration of the recipient’s personal goals and community activities.

Additionally, Assisted Living and/or Aged and Disabled Adult Waiver program recipients receiving services in an assisted living facility must be offered additional services with the following options, unless medical, physical, or cognitive impairments restrict or limit exercise of these options:

Choice of:

- Private or semi-private rooms;
- Roommate for semi-private rooms;
- Locking door to living unit;
- Access to telephone and length of use;

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- Eating schedule; and
- Participation in facility and community activities.

Ability to have:

- Unlimited snacks as desired; and
- Maintain personal sleeping schedule.

Ability to:

- Prepare snacks as desired; and
- Maintain personal sleeping schedule.”

The referral agreement or subcontract should also state that all assisted living facilities that provide waiver services must be in compliance with the recipient's Resident Bill of Rights.

Please submit one copy of the referral agreement or subcontract addendum and/or amendment with the above language included and an attestation that all subcontracted assisted living facilities have received and signed the home-like environment/community integration addendum and/or amendment on or before July 1, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Lipika Frith, of my staff, at (850) 414-2333.

Thank you for your cooperation as we ensure federal waiver compliance.

CTC/ad

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