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MEMORANDUM

TO: AAA Executive Directors **NOTICE#: 111805-1-T-SWCBS**

FROM: Carole Green, Secretary

DATE: November 16, 2005

SUBJECT: Notice of Transmittal: Termination of MEDS-AD Program

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information about the termination of the MEDS-AD program.

As a result of legislation passed during the 2005 session, the MEDS-AD program will end effective January 1, 2006. The memorandum distributed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) explaining the elimination of the MEDS-AD program, *Preparing for the End of the MEDS-AD Program*, is attached for your information.

Also attached is an Excel file containing a list of Aged/Disabled Adult Services Medicaid Waiver (ADA) and Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly Medicaid Waiver (ALE) clients that may be affected by the termination of the MEDS-AD program. This list includes individuals identified as MEDS-AD, i.e., their eligibility codes are set to MMS, MI M, or MH M. Individuals under and over sixty years of age and those receiving services under CDC Plus are included on the list.

This list has been provided to DCF as well. In December, DCF is going to determine if these individuals qualify under other coverage groups. DCF hopes to complete this task by December 20, 2005. DOEA has requested from DCF a list of waiver clients that do not qualify for any other coverage group and will therefore no longer qualify for the waiver in which they are currently enrolled. Clients on this list residing in your Planning and Service Area will be distributed to you promptly after receipt.

Eligibility for the ADA and ALE waivers is based on asset limits of \$2000 for individuals and \$3000 for couples. MEDS-AD eligibility is based on higher asset limits (\$5000 and \$6000, respectively). Therefore, clients who have assets above the \$2000 (individual)/\$3000 (couple) limit will no longer be financially eligible.

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To assist in identifying these individuals, we have flagged in the attached Excel file those clients whose assets as recorded in CIRTS are greater than the individual or couple limit. Please be aware that the assets captured in CIRTS may not be current. If you have other resources that accurately reflect clients' assets, we recommend using that information as well.

It is essential that information packets for new enrollees be sent to the local DCF office even if the individual is already financially eligible. This will ensure that new clients' eligibility categories do not remain set to MM S, MI M, or MH M.

The "Type" column in the attached file identifies which waiver the client is in:

- WG = Aged/Disabled Adult Services Medicaid Waiver
- WA = Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly Medicaid Waiver

The "Recip Curr Asst Ctgy" column in the attached file identifies each individual's eligibility category. Only clients with a MEDS-AD category code are listed.

The "CIRTS Assets Over Limit" column in the attached file is set to "Y" if assets are over \$2000 (individual) or over \$3000 (couple) according to CIRTS.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact Mindy Sollisch at (850) 414-2181.

Attachments

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