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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Area Agency on Aging Executive Directors

FROM: Charles T. Corley, Interim Secretary

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SUBJECT: **Notice of Instruction: OA3D Service Descriptions and Direct Service Waiver**

The purpose of this Notice is to provide direction to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in reference to the new service descriptions for Older Americans Act Title III D (OA3D) and Direct Service Waivers.

Some Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) have Direct Service Waivers, under the following OA3D services: Gerontological Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, Disease Information, Health Promotion, Health Risk Assessment, Home Injury Control, Medication Management, Nutrition Counseling, Physical Fitness, and Health Risk Screening. In the past the evidence-based programs were incorporated into the service descriptions listed above. With the encouragement of many of the AAAs, the Department has separated the evidence-based health promotion programs (e.g., Chronic Disease Self-Management and Matter of Balance programs), so they could have their own service descriptions.

If the AAA has a direct service waiver under the current 2009-2011 Area Plan to provide the evidence-based programs under the old service descriptions, then those direct service waivers will be grandfathered in under the new service descriptions. Therefore, the AAA can continue on with delivering the services directly without having to redo a new Direct Service Waiver.

If the AAA does not have a direct service waiver to provide OA3D services, then the AAA will need to follow the appropriate guidelines as stated in the Area Plan and apply for a direct service waiver for each service description the AAA plans to deliver to the seniors in its communities.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Please contact your contract manager if you have further questions.