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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

November 26, 2013

To: Waiver for Older Adults and Living at Home Providers

From: Mark A. Leeds, Director
Long Term Care & Community Support Services

Re: Community First Choice

Effective January 6, 2014, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will be implementing a new State Plan program called Community First Choice (CFC). The CFC program has been established to allow individuals who meet an institutional level of care to receive certain home and community-based services and supports in their homes instead of an institutional setting. CFC will be implemented as a State Plan option for all eligible participants under the regulatory authority COMAR 10.09.84.

Certain services that were previously offered under the Living at Home Waiver and Waiver for Older Adults programs will no longer be funded under those programs, but funded solely through Community First Choice. These services include home-delivered meals, assistive technology, environmental accessibility adaptations, consumer training, and personal emergency response systems.

Existing Medicaid providers of these services will not need to complete a new application or forward any documentation to maintain your current enrollment status and provider numbers will not change. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will update existing provider enrollment status to accommodate this change on the providers' behalf.

New procedure codes have been established and will be required for reimbursement as of January 6, 2014. Providers should continue to bill the current procedure codes for services rendered through January 5, 2014. All services rendered beginning January 6, 2014 should be billed using the new CFC procedure code.

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Please note the following new CFC procedure codes.

Service	CFC Procedure Code	CFC Rate as of January 6, 2014
Assistive Technology*	W5514	Combined 3-year period up to \$15,000
Consumer Training	W5518	\$10.12 per 15-minute unit
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations*	W5513	Combined 3-year period up to \$15,000
Environmental Assessments	W5512	\$397.33 per assessment
Home Delivered Meals	W5516	\$5.67 per meal
Personal Emergency Response Systems - Installation	W5510	Up to \$1,000 per installation
Personal Emergency Response Systems - Monthly Monitoring	W5511	\$45.00 per month

*Assistive technology and environmental accessibility adaptations have a combined limit for the cost of both services over the three year period.

Please note that other billing limitations apply, as specified in COMAR 10.09.84.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the Living at Home Waiver Division at 410-767-7479 or Waiver for Older Adults at 410-767-5220.