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To: Personal Care Assistance Applicants and Providers ~ Web Posting requested
Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) Employees

From: Rebecca Hilgendorf, Director 

Subject: Eligibility for Personal Care Assistance

Based on a review of the State Medicaid Plan, Senior and Disabilities Services has changed the eligibility for personal care assistance services, effective August 12, 2009. SDS will continue to administer the Personal Care Assessment Tool (P-CAT) to assess the functional abilities of applicants and will continue to apply scores based on the recipients' self performance and level of assistance needed.

The need for limited assistance in 1 Activity of Daily Living (ADL) and extensive assistance in another ADL is no longer the basis for eligibility for Personal Care Assistance.

Services will now be authorized for the particular need indicated if the scoring for those services reveals a functional need by scoring at least a 2-2 for any single ADL or a 1-3 for any single Instrumental Activity of Daily Living (IADL).


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