CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (CDA)

FAX COVER SHEET

TO: All ADHC Providers

FROM: Adult Day Health Care Branch

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SUBJECT: In-Home Operations (IHO) Waiver Assessment

This fax is being sent on behalf of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to clarify the assessment process for the IHO Waiver.

Additional information and updates may be obtained on the following websites:

- DHCS ADHC Transition website at http://DHCS.ca.gov/ADHCtransition
- CDA ADHC website at www.aging.ca.gov/programs/adhc

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To All ADHC Centers:

The purpose of this communication is to clarify how individuals will be assessed for Nursing Facility B (NF-B) level of care (LOC) and to assist ADHC centers in recognizing how their participants may meet the medical eligibility criteria for enrollment in the In-Home Operations (IHO) Waiver.

DHCS has contracted with APS Health Care (APS) to conduct a needs assessment for all Medi-Cal fee for service ADHC participants and the vast majority of those enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO). It is important to recognize that ADHC participants who do not meet the NF-B LOC criteria for enrollment in the IHO Waiver will still benefit from the APS and MCO needs assessment in the way of service coordination and referrals.

DHCS has identified a series of trigger questions and the associated minimum scoring threshold contained in the APS assessment tool that may be an indicator that the ADHC participant may meet the NF-B LOC criteria for enrollment in the IHO Waiver. The APS data system will identify those that meet the identified criteria and send their completed assessment forms to DHCS for further evaluation by a Registered Nurse (RN). MCOs that conduct their own needs assessment for their enrollees have been instructed to make referrals by sending their completed assessment forms for ADHC participants that they identify as possibly meeting the NF-B LOC to DHCS for further review. DHCS RNs will then contact all identified ADHC participants who may meet NF-B LOC criteria and conduct the IHO medical assessment to determine if they meet the criteria established under CCR, Title 22, Division 3, Sections 51124 and 51335.

DHCS understands that ADHC centers know their most medically frail participants and has developed a process for the center RNs to voluntarily complete the IHO medical assessment form and send it to DHCS for review. This information was provided during the August 31 webinar which will be repeated with additional clarification during the second webinar on October 26. For further information please see the ADHC Transitions web page: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/ADHC/ADHC.aspx

DHCS is tracking the APS, MCO referrals and the IHO assessment submitted by ADHC centers in a data system to ensure there is no duplication in this effort. Accordingly, the IHO assessment cover sheet has been revised to capture the ADHC participant's demographic information as required by the data system. The revised version of the IHO assessment cover sheet is posted on the ADHC Transitions web page.

On a related matter, multiple ADHC centers completed and submitted the Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital (NF/AH) Waiver application on behalf their participants. Please be advised that the NF/AH Waiver application does not apply to the IHO Waiver enrollment process and that the NF/AH Waiver, NF-A/B levels of care currently has a waiting list of 18 months or greater.

Questions about the IHO Waiver may be directed to the Long-Term Care Division, In-Home Operations Branch at (916) 552-9105, or IHOWAIVER@dhcs.ca.gov.