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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES PROVIDERS

From: Kitty Engler, Bureau Chief
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Subject: Level of Care (LOC) Transformation Project – Release of Draft LOC Algorithm 2.0

This memorandum is to update all Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers on the continued efforts by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) to develop and implement updated criteria for determining Nursing Facility LOC.

Following the release of the first LOC draft algorithm, DSDS asked HCBS providers and stakeholders to assist in reviewing and testing the draft algorithm. DSDS then collected feedback and suggestions during a three month public comment period. Based on that feedback, a second draft of the LOC algorithm has been developed.

DSDS is now asking HCBS providers and stakeholders to use their wealth of knowledge and experience to review the new algorithm. DSDS asks that you:

- Review the dedicated website www.health.mo.gov/LOCTransformation;
- Download and review the Draft LOC Algorithm 2.0 and Worksheet. The worksheet has been developed as a guide to assist with the scoring process to determine LOC;
- Determine the impact to participants by comparing current LOC scores to the scores participants would receive under the draft 2.0 algorithm; and
- Submit feedback until May 20, 2019, by emailing your worksheets and comments to LOCTransformation@health.mo.gov.

DSDS will host a WebEx on April 23, 2019 from 9:30am-11:30am. Please attend if available to learn how to conduct case record reviews. An invitation for the WebEx will be sent via DSDS E-News.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Long Term Services and Supports via email at LTSS@health.mo.gov or by telephone at 573/526-8557.

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