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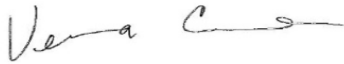
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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF

FROM: Verena Cox, Bureau Chief 
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SUBJECT: Required General Health Evaluations (GHEs)

This memorandum is to serve as a reminder to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Providers regarding the requirement of semi-annual General Health Evaluation (GHE) nurse visits.

Pursuant to state statute, [192.2475 RSMo](#), providers must complete GHEs for recipients of **agency model** personal care services. GHEs are **not** required for recipients who receive Consumer Directed Services (CDS) only. GHEs shall be completed in the 4th and 10th month of the participant's care plan authorization period. The purpose of the semi-annual GHE is to assure the care plan is meeting the participant's needs and to provide oversight to the personal care aide. Refusal of a GHE will result in a participant's services being terminated.

GHEs will not be selected as a task on the care plan when the participant has a need for another nurse task. When this occurs, the GHE designated months will be documented in the Service Delivery Comment section of the care plan.

Providers are responsible for keeping track of these authorization periods and completing them in the months assigned. If a GHE is missed, the provider shall complete the visit the following month, however the visit will not be reauthorized unless it was beyond the control of the provider (e.g. the participant was in the hospital).

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports (BLTSS) via e-mail at LTSS@health.mo.gov

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