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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL IN-HOME SERVICES PROVIDERS

From: Susan Alden, Administrator
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Subject: Chore Services (H2)

This memo is being sent to clarify previous discussions regarding Chore Services. As you are aware, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) required that all states implement national standards for Transactions and Code Sets related to the provision of in-home services.

The HIPAA mandate required the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Section for Senior Services to establish a separate category for Chore Services (H2). All chore activities previously listed as 'optional chores' under Homemaker Services were moved to the Chore Services category. In all other service categories, providers must have the capacity to deliver any of the tasks listed for that service. When Chore Services became a separate category, it was intended that providers would have the capacity to provide any of the tasks listed. However, after further consideration, providers who choose to deliver Chore Services will continue to designate a minimum of five (5) tasks they are capable of delivering, as they are required to do now.

If you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Section for Senior Services Policy Unit at 573/526-8557.

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