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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

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To: Nursing Supervision Agencies

From: Mark A. Leeds, Director
Long Term Services & Supports Administration

Re: Community First Choice

This memo provides a date on which payments for nursing supervision services will end and reiterates information shared in the Community First Choice memos dated November 26, 2013, April 16, 2014, and October 29, 2014.

Community First Choice (CFC) began January 6, 2014. Nurse monitoring of personal assistance services is now covered under CFC rather than as a waiver service. Only local health departments (LHDs) may provide nurse monitoring services under CFC.

As of October 1, 2015, current providers can no longer bill for nursing supervision. Nursing supervision claims for dates of service on or after October 1st will not be paid.

The LHD nurse is responsible for monitoring the quality of personal assistance services. This means that they will request documents, schedule joint home visits, and inspect the quality of care. Enrolled personal assistance provider agencies must respond to LHD requests.

Agencies that provide personal assistance services must be licensed as Residential Services Agencies (RSAs). RSAs must comply with COMAR 10.07.05. Agencies must use registered nurses to supervise their workers as required by RSA license. There is no separate payment for this nurse.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact the Community Options Division at 410-767-1739 or dhmh.coproviders@maryland.gov.