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DATE: August 12, 2005
TO: Case Management Agencies/PSA 6
FROM: Susan McCurry, Medicaid Waiver Specialist
SUBJECT: Notice of Instruction: New Transition 0506 Initiative

The Department of Elder Affairs (DoEA) has begun a new initiative named "Transition 0506" that will focus on transitioning individuals residing in hospitals and nursing homes back into the community.

DoEA has set aside a total of one million dollars for individuals CARES identifies in hospitals and nursing homes that can be safely served in the Aged/Disabled Adult Waiver (ADA) or the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW). \$300,000 has been set-aside for ADA services and \$700,000 has been set-aside for ALW services.

Paid claims for these individuals will be tracked separately, and will not be included in the expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Additionally, DoEA has indicated that the Area Agency on Aging will be held harmless for the cost to serve these clients in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

The ALW providers will be notified of the initiative and procedures to contact the CARES office in their area should the ALF be notified directly of a potential hospital or nursing home discharge who may meet Medicaid Waiver criteria.

Procedures for the new initiative are attached. Please review and ensure that all appropriate staff are aware of the changes and/or updates from the previous Nursing Home Transitioning Program.

Thank you.

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