

NOTICE#: 12-19-05-MW-IR Procedures

TO: All Lead Agencies/PSA 6
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SUBJECT: Notice of Instruction: PSA 6 Imminent Risk Procedures

Section IV B. #2-3 of the 2005-2006 Community Care for the Elderly Standard Agreement states the following:

2. Priority Criteria for Individuals in Nursing Home Receivership:

The recipient will ensure that pursuant to Section 400.126,(12), Florida Statutes, those elderly persons determined, through a CARES assessment, to be a resident who could be cared for in a less restrictive setting or who do not meet the criteria for skilled or intermediate care in a nursing home, will be referred for such care, as appropriate for the resident. Residents referred pursuant to this subsection shall be given primary consideration for receiving services under Community Care for the Elderly program in a manner as persons classified to receive such services pursuant to Section 430.205, Florida Statutes.

3. Priority Criteria for Service Delivery:

- a. Individuals in nursing homes under Medicaid who could be transferred to the community;
- b. Individuals in nursing homes whose Medicare coverage is exhausted and may be diverted to the community;
- c. Individuals in nursing homes, which are closing and can be discharged to the community;
- d. Individuals whose mental or physical health condition has deteriorated to the degree self care is not possible, there is no capable caregiver, and institutional placement will occur within 72 hours.

Attached are the revised Imminent Risk Procedures for Planning and Service Area 6. Compliance with these procedures and the established timeframes contained therein is essential to assessing and serving clients in a timely manner in accordance with their Imminent Risk designation so that clients are able to be cared for in the least restrictive environment and prevent or delay nursing home placement or institutionalization.

Case files will be monitored monthly to ensure compliance.

Please contact me immediately at mccurrys@elderaffairs.org should there be any questions related to this Notice of Instruction.

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