

Notice of Instruction #: 01-25-06-MW- In-Home Respite

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TO: All Case Management Agencies/PSA 6

FROM: Susan McCurry, Senior Medicaid Waiver Specialist

SUBJECT: In-Home Respite Provider Requirements Update **(Clarification)**

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has revised what type(s) of providers are eligible to provide in-home Respite services. Agencies that are only registered with AHCA as a Homemaker/Companion agency can no longer provide any type of in-home Respite.

A letter from Medicaid notifying service providers is attached to this Notice of Instruction for your review and information. PSA 6 Homemaker/Companion agencies will be notified of this change under separate cover.

This change is effective immediately. Therefore, all Aged/Disabled Adult Medicaid Waiver recipients who are receiving Respite services from a Homemaker/Companion agency must be contacted. Notify the client they must select another provider type (nurse registry, home health agency, or Community Care Provider Agencies). Eligible agencies are those listed on the Provider Directory as providing Personal Care services or Community Care Provider Agencies as established under Chapter 410 or 430 of the Florida Statutes.

This is a Medicaid provider requirement change issued by AHCA and as such, does not require a ten-day notice to the client.

Please contact me immediately at extension 227 should there be any questions related to this Notice of Instruction.

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