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**TEMPORARY DELAY OF SOME MEDICAID CARE ASSESSMENTS**

**Attention: Medicaid Contracted Providers**

This letter is sent on behalf of the AL TSA Home and Community Services Division.

In light of the unprecedented emergency circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the surge in hospitalizations caused by it, the Aging and Long-Term Support (AL TSA) will extend some Medicaid clients' annual residential CARE reassessments for up to one year in order to add staff resources to assist with hospital discharges.

During the Public Health Emergency (PHE), CMS approved AL TSA for the flexibility to delay the need to conduct functional reassessments to determine Level of Care and Person-Centered Care Plans for beneficiaries needing 1915(c) and 1915(k) Long-Term Services and Supports (provided that the functional assessment otherwise complies with the regulatory requirements under 42 CFR 441.720) for one year.

With the federal approval to exercise this flexibility, AL TSA will extend some residential CARE reassessments for up to one year. AL TSA staff will continue to complete residential private to public assistance conversion assessments and significant change assessments. Annual reassessments will continue to be completed as time allows. Providers can contact their regularly assigned case manager, as they normally would, in the event a significant change assessment is required.

The PHE, and by extension the flexibility to delay assessments, is currently in place until April 16, 2022.

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Sincerely,

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