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Memorandum

To: Community Services Regional Directors
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Subject: Rate Changes Effective September 1, 2014 and Required Actions for
Consumer Directed Services

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This memorandum applies to the Community Care for Aged and Disabled (CCAD) Programs.

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has approved rate changes effective September 1, 2014 for the following programs:

- Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)
- Residential Care (RC)
- Non-priority Primary Home Care (PHC)

The new rates issued in August 2014 will be available on the HHSC Rate Analysis website:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us//rad/long-term-svcs/phc/index.shtml>

The new rates will be programmed in the Service Authorization System (SAS). The only case manager action required is for individuals receiving personal attendant services (PAS) through the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option that will be served by DADS after September 1, 2014. The rate for Priority PAS has not changed.

CCAD Consumer Directed Services

For individuals receiving PAS through the CDS Option, CCAD case managers must re-calculate the annual service plan (ASP) amount beginning September 1, 2014 through the remainder of the ASP year. The rate for Non-priority PAS with the CDS delivery option has changed as follows:

Priority Status	Unit Type	Old Rate	Rate Effective 9/1/2014
Non-priority	Hour	\$9.89	\$10.28

Case managers must re-calculate ASP amounts on all CDS case records by October 15, 2014 so the individual and Financial Management Services Agency (FMSA) can develop a new CDS budget effective September 1, 2014 for the remainder of the ASP year.

New Procedures for Rate Changes

Effective with this memorandum, it is a requirement that the case manager obtain a report of the utilized funds from the Financial Management Services Agency (FMSA). The case manager performs calculations based on the utilized funds from the beginning of the ASP to August 31, 2014. Refer to Case Manager Community Care for Aged and Disabled Handbook Item 6333.3.2 Rate Change, for details on how to implement the new rates.

Questions regarding this memo may be directed to Long Term Services and Supports policy staff at: CCAD@dads.state.tx.us