



COMMISSIONER
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Memorandum

To: Community Services Regional Directors
Community Services Program Managers

From: Jennifer Chancellor Manager
Long Term Services and Supports Policy

Subject: Day Activity and Health Services Eligibility Criteria and Eligibility
Assessment Procedures for Regional Nurses and Case Management Staff

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform regional nurses and case management staff of revised eligibility criteria and eligibility assessment procedures in the Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS) program.

Pending completion of proposed rule amendments to Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 40 Part 1, Chapter 48 §48.2915, Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) regional nurses and case management staff are notified effective October 15, 2015 the following eligibility criteria will apply:

- DAHS services must be prescribed by a physician who has certified that the individual has a need for DAHS because of an identified chronic medical condition.
- The individual must be able to benefit therapeutically from DAHS, as determined by a health assessment of the individual's medical needs. The health assessment will inform of the functional need or needs as defined by 40 TAC §98.2(32) which will be addressed and of the therapeutic benefit the individual will receive from personal care, habilitative or restorative activities by participation in DAHS.
- In October 2015, procedures for eligibility determination are revised Case Manager Community Care for Aged and Disabled Handbook section 4200 to reflect the updated eligibility criteria and streamlined documentation requirements. DADS Form 3049, DAHS Health Assessment will no longer be utilized and revised forms 3055, Physician's Orders, and 3050 DAHS Health Assessment/Service Plan,, must be utilized beginning October 15, 2015, for new enrollments, for transfers to a different DAHS facility, and if the individual's condition changes.

Please submit questions concerning information provided in this memo to dahs@dads.state.tx.us