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TO: Medicaid Providers of Nursing Facilities Services

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RE: Level of Care Assessments for Clients 64 Years of Age and Under

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care, is implementing corrections to be in compliance with 471 NAC 12-003.02. This regulation requires services coordinators to collect level of care criteria information on each individual seeking nursing facility services to determine the functional abilities and care needs of that individual. This work has been done by Area Agencies on Aging, through Senior Care Options, for persons age 65 and older. This regulation does not specify an age limit.

This provider bulletin is to update providers that the corrective change will be implemented **July 1, 2013**.

Contact Gaylene Jefferies, at 402-471-9415, for children 17 years of age and under.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care will contract with the League of Human Dignity (LHD) to perform level of care assessment for adult clients aged 64 and under seeking nursing facility services. **Effective July 1, 2013**, the LHD is responsible for evaluating each person 18-64 years to determine nursing facility level of care is met.

To be eligible for the evaluation through LHD, a person must meet each of the following conditions:

1. The person must be 64 years of age or under;
2. The person must be a Medicaid client or have applied for Medicaid;*
3. The person must be requesting Medicaid funding to cover nursing facility services; and
4. The person must not require a PASSR Level II screen.

*"Applied for Medicaid" means that a completed, signed application has been received by DHHS and is reflected as "active" or "pending" in the Medicaid eligibility system (N-FOCUS).

Further information will be posted as new information becomes available at the Nebraska Medicaid's website at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_provhome.aspx.

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