Dear Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver Provider:

Due to economic conditions, the Florida Legislature mandated cuts to many state programs. PAC services must be reduced by $5 million for fiscal year 2001-2002. To reduce the waiver by $5 million during the fiscal year, some services must be eliminated and others must be reduced. Services to be eliminated were selected based on discussions and meetings with consumers, staff from case management agencies, advocacy organizations, and the Department of Health.

**The following services will be reduced effective March 1, 2002:**

- Case Management: A flat rate of $76 per PAC consumer per month
- Education and Support: Reduced to 2 hours per month
- Home Delivered Meals: Reduced to 27 meals per month
- Personal Care: Reduced to 5 hours per month
- Skilled Care LPN: Reduced to 2 hours per month
- Specialized Equipment & Supplies: Reduced the cost of this service by half on each care plan. Exception Requests will be submitted for Specialized Equipment & Supplies in excess of $250.00 per month.
- Therapeutic Massage: Reduced to 2 hours per month

**The following services will be eliminated effective March 1, 2002:**

- Chore
- Companion
- Day Health Care
- Health Assessment
- Home Modification/Adaptive Equipment
- Homemaker
- Personal Emergency Response
- Pest Control
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Respite Care
- Substance Abuse Treatment

Questions regarding this reduction should be discussed first with your local case management agency(ies) staff. The PAC Liaison at your Area Medicaid Office will also be available for discussion. Each services recipient’s Plan of Care will be reviewed very soon to determine which services will still be available and in what amount they can be received.
These changes will be implemented effective with dates of service occurring on or after March 1, 2002. All service authorizations will be changed to mirror the March 1st date of reduction implementation. The changes will be incorporated in the PAC Coverage and Limitations Handbook in the very near future. Though I am thankful that the PAC Waiver was not eliminated, I deeply regret the necessity for these actions.

Sincerely,

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