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Dear Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver Case Management Provider:

We are pleased to inform you that the Florida Legislature has restored some of the reductions made during the last half of the 2001-2002 fiscal year. As of July 1, 2002, \$6,526,468.00 has been allocated to restore some of the reductions made to the PAC Waiver. The three specific services noted in the legislation are: case management, day health services and home delivered meals. Due to this funding, the following increases will be instituted.

Case Management – Flat fee will be raised from \$76 to \$100 per month

PAC Case Management Agencies will be reimbursed a flat fee of \$100 per consumer/per month for all case management services provided. This is a flat fee and does not equate to any specific amount of time. There must be a minimum of a telephone contact with consumers on a monthly basis and a face-to-face contact every 3 months. Caseloads will be left at a maximum of 75 persons.

Day Health – Restored to the former level of service

Day Health services, prior to March 1, 2002, were reimbursed at \$2.50 per quarter hour with a maximum of 40 units per day. The service will be restored to the former level. Each person who needs Day Health will receive the service at the level he/she needs.

Home Delivered Meals – Restored to the former level of service

Home Delivered Meals, prior to March 1, 2002, were provided at a maximum of two meals per day. The service is restored to the former level. Each person who needs meals will receive the service at the level he/she needs. Some individuals have been provided this service in the past who do not need the service; he/she is able to prepare meals or has someone who is able to prepare meals for him/her. To ensure that only persons needing the service are receiving it, the following clarification is provided.

Any PAC consumer receiving home delivered meals service is:

- Unable to prepare his/her own meals, **and**
- Has no one living with him/her who is able to prepare meals for the consumer

This further interpretation is felt to be needed by members of the PAC Waiver Redesign Workgroup, which includes consumers, case management agency representatives, provider agency representatives, advocacy group representatives, and state staff from both AHCA and the Department of Health.



Clarifications Concerning Exception Requests - Please be reminded of the following:

- Exceptions to service caps can only be granted for Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies exceeding \$250 per month or for total monthly cost of care exceeding \$2,000.
- Requests for exception that do not contain all required elements cannot be approved.
- Items available through Durable Medical Equipment under Medicaid State plan services cannot be covered by the waiver.
- If you have any questions about exception requests, please contact Vicki Sims at (850) 414-6249 or simsv@fdhc.state.fl.us.

Case managers will need to review Plans of Care with consumers who formerly received Day Health services or who presently receive and qualify for Home Delivered Meals, so that adjustments can be made. When contact is made, please distribute a copy of the attached "Dear Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver Consumer" letter to each of those consumers. The changes will be effective July 1, 2002. If you have any questions please contact your local Medicaid Office.

Sincerely,

Bob Sharpe
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

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cc: PAC Case Management Agencies
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