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Dear PAC Waiver Services Recipient:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the re-designed Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver requiring a Nurse Care Manager to visit a Waiver recipient at home and complete an initial or an annual medical assessment. The Nurse Care Manager will determine an acuity level for the delivery of PAC Waiver services, based on the needs assessments. All PAC Waiver recipients must receive an initial assessment or an annual re-assessment and an acuity level determination by June 30, 2004 to continue receiving PAC Waiver services.

The Agency for Health Care Administration has contracted with a disease management organization, Positive Healthcare (PHC), to assess PAC Waiver recipients. To establish an acuity level, the Nurse Care Manager from PHC will follow state and federal confidentiality rules in consulting with the recipient, caregivers if any, the physician and the PAC Waiver case manager. The PAC Waiver Case Manager consults with the recipient and the Nurse Care Manager to develop a Plan of Care for services needed under the approved acuity level.

Please disregard this notice if your medical assessment has already been completed and an acuity level determined by a Nurse Care Manager from PHC. If not, please call your PAC Case Manager to schedule a home visit by the Nurse Care Manager. PAC recipients must have a medical assessment and an acuity level determination completed before the end of June 2004 in order to continue receiving PAC Waiver Services. Thank you for your cooperation and we wish you a happy holiday season.

Sincerely

Bob Sharpe
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