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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

DATE: March 25, 2009

TO: Participating Long Term Care Providers

RE: Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration

Effective February 01, 2009, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), along with the Department of Human Services and the Department on Aging, began transition of eligible and willing persons from long-term care facilities back into their communities through the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration. It is important that clients transitioning to the community are able to access their medications, and remain consistent on their medication regimen.

It is the Department's policy that long-term care facilities release a client's remaining medications when the client is discharged from their facility. This helps to ensure continuity of their medication regimen upon their return to the community. Please reference the following link regarding the release of medications upon discharge from a long-term care facility.

<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/html/071105rts.html>

Again, it is extremely important that all MFP clients are discharged with their medications. If the client is being discharged from a facility without their medications, the Transition Coordinator will report this to the Department, so that the Department can work with the facility to ensure that future patients are discharged with their medications.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Bureau of Long Term Care at 217-524-7245.

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