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SUBJECT:
Act 150 Program Sliding Fee Scale For Calendar Year 2014

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide the most recent Sliding Fee Scale to all Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Service Coordination Entities (SCEs) working with Act 150 Program participants. With this bulletin, all other communications, bulletins, or directives distributing previous sliding fee scales for the Act 150 Program are hereby rescinded. Those policy documents that are rescinded include, but are not limited to:

- 2006-AC-001, Attendant Care Program Update, Sliding Fee Scale Revision, OSP, BHCBS; Issue Date 1/12/2006
- 2006-HCBS-01, Act 150 and Intake Technical Advisory; BHCBS Directive; Issue Date 6/9/2006
- 2005-AC-001, Sliding Fee Scale Revision, OSP, BHCBS Directive; Issue Date 3/4/2005
- 2004-AC-02-ACP Update-Sliding Fee Scale Revision, OSP, BHCBS; Issue Date 1/1/2004
- ACP Update 03-01-Waiver Income Limit Revision –Sliding Fee Scale Revision, Issue Date: 02/01/03
- ACP Update 01-02-Sliding Fee Scale, Issue Date: 9/11/2001

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to SCEs that provide service coordination services to participants in the Act 150 Program.

BACKGROUND:

Updated sliding fee scale information has been communicated in different ways over the preceding years. This bulletin is to standardize the release of this information.

Federal law requires that a new Federal Benefit Rate be published every year to reflect the Cost of Living Adjustment. The sliding fee scale for Act 150 Program participants is based on the Federal Benefit Rate. Each year that an increase is made to this rate, the sliding fee scale is adjusted to reflect that change. The attached Sliding Fee Scale has been updated based on the Federal Benefit Rate for the 2014 Calendar Year (Source: Federal Register Volume 78, Number 214, Pages 66413-66418).

PROCEDURES:

SCEs are to apply the attached sliding fee scale in assigning appropriate fees to Act 150 Program participants. SCEs are to ensure those fees are assigned and collected as specified in:

Attendant Care Program Requirements, Office of Social Programs,
Issue Date April 1, 2001

SCEs are responsible for collecting participant weekly fees from Act 150 Program participants. These fees are determined in the Sliding Fee Scale. These fees need to be collected by the SCE and sent to the Commonwealth monthly.

The SCE must submit a Monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Report (Under Age 60) and check mailed to:

PA Department of Public Welfare
Office of Long Term Living
Bureau of Finance
Forum Place, 6th Floor
555 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1919

The SCE must submit a Monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Report (Age 60 and Over) and check mailed to:

PA Department of Aging
Bureau of Finance
Forum Place, 5th Floor
555 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1919

Blank copies of the monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Reports for each age group are attached. The report(s) must list each Act 150 participant's name, MCI number, and the participant's total monthly dollar amount of fees. SCEs working with Act 150 participants will send the Monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Report(s) along with a check(s) payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the 20th of the following calendar month.

The assessed fee amount must be sent to OLTL even if not collected from the participant.

PLEASE NOTE: A separate Monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Report must be completed for participants under age 60 and a report for participants age 60 and over. Correspondingly, separate checks must be made out for each participant group in these reports for the respective total of fees to be collected. The check(s) must accompany the report(s) submitted to the Commonwealth at the appropriate addresses noted above.

ATTACHMENTS:

2014; Act 150 Sliding Fee Scale

Monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Report (Under Age 60)

Monthly Act 150 Participant Fee Report (Age 60 and Over)

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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