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SUBJECT

Nursing Home Transition Outreach Form

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform Nursing Home Transition (NHT) providers (AAAs, NHT partners) that the NHT Outreach Form has been revised to include additional questions and responses.

BACKGROUND:

The NHT Outreach Form must be completed in OMNIA for each participant who meets all the following criteria.

- The NHT representative informs the participant about the NHT process.
- The participant makes an informed decision to transition to the community from a nursing facility.
- The participant receives NHT coordination activities regardless of whether the participant transitions or does not transition into the community.

Sections 1 & 2 of the NHT Outreach Form collect initial participant and nursing home data. The NHT representative completes Sections 1 and 2 once the participant and /or family make the informed decision to transition to the community.

Sections 3, 4 & 5 collect data regarding transition success and post transition data. The NHT representative completes these sections after the participant transitions/fails to transition to the community. Section 5 is completed if the participant was enrolled in the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration. Once the final data is complete, the NHT Outreach Form is stored as an electronic file in the participant's OMNIA record. The file may then be used as a foundation for any future Omnia assessment forms.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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DISCUSSION:

It is required that NHT providers complete the NHT Outreach Form for those who are identified as NHT participants and then transition into the community through the NHT Program. Information from this form is compiled into reports submitted to the federal Government and shared with state agencies and stakeholders. This information is also used to justify payment requests for NHT services. Failure to complete the form could result in payment delay for NHT services.

Responses regarding "Section Q Referral" were added to Section 2 Sub-section A, Question 5. The appropriate response is used to specify when the NHT provider receives a referral from a nursing facility as a result of a "Yes" response to item Q0500A on the MDS 3.0. PA will be required to report on the number of transitions as a result the referrals prompted by "Yes" response to item Q0500A. The use of MDS 3.0 will begin October 1, 2010.

Questions were added to Section 5 of the NHT Outreach Form to comply with the federal Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program. In Section 5, Sub-section A, questions 5, 6 and 7 require a response to determine if the MFP enrolled participant received a housing supplement to assist with the move into the community.

Questions about this Bulletin should be addressed to the Bureau of Individual Supports at (717) 346-0495.