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To: Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation or a Related Condition (ICFs/MR)

Subject: Provider Letter 08-13 – Precertification Training for New ICF/MR Providers

Rules of the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), at 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §90.42(d)(1)-(3), require a new ICF/MR to designate at least one representative who is involved in direct management of the ICF/MR to attend a training conference before DADS issues the facility a license. For purposes of this rule, a “new ICF/MR” is an entity that has less than one year of experience administering services in an ICF/MR in Texas.

DADS has determined that attendance at the following “joint training” classes (training sessions around the state for both providers and surveyors) fulfills the requirement in §90.42(d)(1)-(3) to attend a training conference: 1) Active Treatment in ICF/MR; 2) Understanding the ICF/MR Survey Process; 3) Detecting and Preventing Abuse and Neglect in ICFs/MR; and 4) Writing Acceptable Plans of Correction for ICFs/MR. For information on enrolling in these classes, go to the DADS website at http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/training/jointtraining.cfm or call Educational Services at 512-438-2201.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact an ICF/MR policy specialist at 512-438-3161.

Sincerely,

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