



COMMISSIONER
Chris Traylor

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To: Community Living Assistance and Support Services Case Management Agencies and Direct Service Agencies

Subject: Information Letter No. 11-134
Discontinuation of Hydrotherapy in the Community Living Assistance and Support Services Program

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) determined that individuals can receive benefits similar to hydrotherapy through services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, aquatic therapy, and massage therapy.

For this reason, DADS is removing hydrotherapy from the list of specialized therapies available in the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) program. DADS submitted a request to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove hydrotherapy from the CLASS waiver effective November 30, 2011.

To implement this change, CLASS case management agencies (CMAs) must contact individuals currently receiving hydrotherapy to review their needs and consider alternate therapeutic interventions, such as those described above. CMAs must remove hydrotherapy from all Individual Plans of Care (IPC) and add alternate services as appropriate, by November 23, 2011. All IPC revisions must be received by DADS prior to November 30, 2011.

If you have any questions about this information letter, please contact the CLASS mailbox at CLASS@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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