



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives Home and Community Support Services Agencies

Subject: Information Letter No. 11-41
Procedure Changes for Money Follows the Person Applicants and Individuals
Submitting the Medical Necessity and Level of Care Assessment Temporarily
Residing in a Nursing Facility

The purpose of this information letter is to notify Community Based Alternatives (CBA) home and community support services agencies (HCSSAs) of procedural changes for Money Follows the Person applicants temporarily residing in a nursing facility (NF) with regards to submission of the Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessment.

Effective with the publication of this information letter, HCSSAs can no longer use a NF Medical Necessity (MN) to certify a Money Follows the Person (MFP) CBA applicant. Instead, HCSSAs must complete an initial MN/LOC Assessment.

While the individual is in a NF, if both the NF and the HCSSA submit a Minimum Data Set (MDS) for MN determination and a MN/LOC Assessment at the same time, the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) case manager must use the MN determination and RUG resulting from the MN/LOC Assessment submitted by the HCSSA.

For those individuals, the DADS case manager will indicate on [Form 2067, Case Information](#), that the MN/LOC Assessment is required as part of the pre-enrollment assessment, which is sent with [Form 3676, CBA Pre-Enrollment Home Health Assessment Authorization](#).

For questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact DADS Policy Development and Oversight at CBA@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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