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To: Home and Community-based Services Providers
Texas Home Living Providers
Community Living Assistance and Support Services Providers
Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities Providers
Medically Dependent Children Program Providers
Nursing Facility Providers
Hospice Providers
Local Authorities
Home and Community Support Services Agencies
Financial Management Services Agencies
Area Agencies on Aging
Aging Disability Resource Centers
Adult Foster Care Providers
Assisted Living/Residential Care Service Providers
Community Attendant Services Providers
Consumer Managed Personal Attendant Services Providers
Day Activity and Health Services Providers
Emergency Response Services Providers
Family Care Providers
Home Delivered Meals Providers
Primary Home Care Providers
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Providers
Transition Assistance Services Providers

Subject: Information Letter 14-76 – Information on Ebola Virus for Providers of Services to Individuals in the Department of Aging and Disability Services Programs

The purpose of this letter is to provide information on the Ebola virus that providers may use to help ensure the health and safety of staff members and individuals receiving services.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services encourages its providers to take reasonable precautions to ensure their employees are not exposed to a symptomatic person by knowing how Ebola is transmitted and its symptoms. An individual will not contract Ebola if he has not had exposure to an individual with Ebola or has not traveled to an affected area in West Africa.

Providers are strongly encouraged to review the information at the links below for accurate information on Ebola and to monitor the websites of these organizations for future updates.

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For the latest and most reliable information about the Ebola virus in Texas, go here <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new> and sign up for email updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) media statements and other CDC information regarding Ebola can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>.

Information on the Ebola virus from DSHS can be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/preparedness/ebola-outbreak.aspx>.

If you have questions about Ebola, please contact your local health department or for clinical infectious disease information, contact the DSHS Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Branch at 1-800-252-8239 or 512-776-7676.

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