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State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

August 6, 2010

Mr. Norm Nichols
Executive Account Manager
Unisys Corporation
P. O. Box 3396
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

FIMS# 1763/lw

Re: LT-PCS Recipient Notice

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Attached are the LT-PCS recipient notice and flyer. The notice and flyer should be sent in accordance with the instructions of LIFT 7233 (see attached). **The notice must be mailed by August 19, 2010.**

Please forward written verification of the distribution date to Lynda Wascom. Any questions regarding this correspondence should be directed to Lynda Wascom at 342-9473 or Lynda.Wascom@la.gov.

Sincerely,


for Kyle Viator
Medicaid Deputy Director

KV/SV/lw

Attachments

~~MMIS Section Chief - FIMS Copy~~
FIMS File
Carol Simpson
Dexa Morgan
Karen Barnes
Lynda Wascom
Deborah Suggs (Letter Only)

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Office of Aging and Adult Services

August 19, 2010

Dear Long Term - Personal Care Services Recipient:

Beginning September 5, 2010, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services will make changes to the Long Term - Personal Care Services (LT-PCS) program. These changes will make it easier to identify your personal care needs and help control program costs.

Weekly personal care hours will be based on your need for help with your daily activities such as eating, dressing and bathing. **No one will be approved for more than 32 hours a week.**

These changes will take place at your next reassessment. If you do not agree with your reassessment result, you may request an appeal. However, appeals for more than 32 hours a week will not be allowed because this change is for everyone who gets LT-PCS.

These changes **will not** affect your Medicaid eligibility. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Office of Aging and Adult Services at 1-866-758-5035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Eley".

Hugh Eley
Assistant Secretary

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Enclosure

Changes to the Long Term – Personal Care Services Program

Will my services change?

- Your personal care services will continue to be approved as a maximum number of hours that may be provided each week. You will still have the freedom of deciding how you receive your service each week.
- The number of hours you receive each week will be based on your need for “hands on” assistance with the activities of daily living, such as moving from bed to chair/wheelchair, grooming, toileting, and walking as indicated by your assessment result.
- No one will receive more than 32 hours of service a week.

Will everyone get less service hours?

No. Under this new plan, some people will receive fewer hours, some will have the same hours and some may receive more hours.

When will these changes take place?

These changes will take place at your next reassessment.

Can I appeal if I disagree with the hours approved?

Yes. You will have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision made at the time of your reassessment. However, you will not have a right to appeal the weekly cap of 32 hours. The weekly cap applies to all LT-PCS recipients and is not individually determined.