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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities

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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN COMPLETING THE MEDICAID CENSUS REPORT

On February 1, 2009, the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) will be implementing the QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) program for clients who are 65 years or older and disabled of all ages, commonly called the aged, blind or disabled (ABD) population. Individual(s) who complete the Medicaid Census Report for the nursing facilities will need to include all eligible Medicaid residents' movements upon discovery.

In the past, MQD required facilities to report monthly movement information on a resident for whom Medicaid was currently the primary insurer/biller (i.e. reported to MQD after a Medicare stay or change in level of care to intermediate care). Now, ***if the resident has Medicare and Medicaid***, the facility will need to report these Medicaid resident's movement(s) upon discovery. If the resident is a "pending Medicaid applicant", continue to report these residents after they have obtained a Medicaid number. Attached you will find a sample of this report.

If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Ishihara, Nurse Consultant at (808) 692-8159.

Attachment

