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- TO: PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSING FACILITIES, PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, COORDINATION OF LONG-TERM SERVICES "C" WAIVER PROVIDERS, MI VIA CONSULTANT PROVIDERS, PERSONAL CARE OPTION PROVIDERS, AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS
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- SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF MEDICAL ASSESSMENT ABSTRACT FOR PROGRAMS REQUIRING NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR A HISTORY AND PHYSICAL FOR PERSONAL CARE OPTION CONSUMERS

ALL PROVIDERS SUBMITTING NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE REQUESTS

On April 1, 2011, the Human Services Department/Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD) replaced the Income Support Division (*ISD*) 379 Long Term Care Assessment Abstract with the MAD 379 Long Term Care Medical Assessment form. To date, some providers have been completing and submitting the previous ISD 379 Abstract rather than the newer MAD 379 Assessment form. HSD/MAD is providing this Supplement to remind providers of this change and to clarify that HSD/MAD will accept Level of Care (LOC) requests with the older *ISD 379* Abstract up to March 31, 2012 only. **Beginning April 1, 2012, LOC requests must be submitted with the newer MAD 379 form.**

FOR PERSONAL CARE OPTION ONLY

On September 15, 2011, the Personal Care Option (PCO) regulations were revised to include a new requirement of a History and Physical (H&P) as part of an initial and annual LOC assessment. In order to implement this new requirement, HSD/MAD allowed a temporary transition period to accept LOC packets without an H&P up to January 15, 2012. As of **January 16, 2012, all PCO LOC packets must include, among other required documents: a medical assessment form** (*MAD 379* **or** *ISD 379* **up to March 31, 2012) that is completed within six months prior to submission, and**

an H&P that is completed within 12 months prior to the date the authorized medical provider (physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner) completed the MAD 379 or ISD 379.

HSD/MAD has instructed Molina Healthcare Third Party Assessor/Utilization Review contractor to return LOC packets that are not submitted according to these timeframes and that do not include correct forms.

The MAD 379 form is available at: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/PBillingForms.html

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