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Dear DDS Participant or Family Member,

As directed by the Center for Medicaid services in Washington, D.C, we are in the midst of moving to uniform rates for our waiver services. The first phase-in of the new rates began on July 1, 2013, with a focus on Individual Home Supports (IHS) rates. For most people, the move toward uniform IHS rates should not affect the number of hours of service you receive. For some, there may be a change of your total funding.

For example:

- If you or your family member hires your own staff to provide IHS supports, there will be no changes to your total allocation.
- If you self-direct your service and receive supports from an agency, these changes may impact your budget amount but not the services provided.
- If you or a family member live in your own home and most of your supports are provided by a private provider, the number of hours you are eligible to receive will depend on your Level of Need. Providers will be working with you to reach the identified weekly support hours over the coming year.

Additional phase-in of new uniform rates will impact day services, other residential services and some additional waiver support services. We understand that all of this may be very confusing but we wanted you to know directly from us about these changes.

We encourage you to ask questions as needed, so that you can make informed decisions about your services. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your case manager for assistance. Your case manager will answer your questions, or will direct you to the right party to address your concern.

We thank you for your patience as we implement required Medicaid practices.

Sincerely,

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