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TO: ALL PERSONAL CARE OPTION (PCO) SERVICE PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF MANDATED MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONAL CARE OPTION (PCO) SERVICES

The purpose of this supplement is to notify all PCO service providers that the state is removing the mandated rate of payment for personal care attendants as documented in Supplement No. 04-07, dated April 30, 2004, entitled, *Billing Rate Change for the Personal Care Option Program*.

Specifically, the state is removing the mandated rate language from four sites in Supplement No. 04-07:

- The last sentence on page 1, paragraph 2, which reads: “The mandated rate of \$8.50 per hour to Personal Care Attendants UNDER BOTH MODELS is also being changed to \$8.00 per hour effective June 1, 2004.” ;
- The second sentence on page 2, the last paragraph under the heading, *The Consumer-Directed model/\$11.50 per hour*, which reads, “A minimum of \$8.00 per hour must be paid to the Personal Care Attendant providing care to the consumer.”;
- The second sentences on page 3, the second to the last paragraph under the heading, *The Consumer-Delegated model/\$13.50 per hour*, which reads, “A minimum of \$8.00 per hour must be paid to the Personal Care Attendant providing care to the consumer.”; and
- The second sentence on page 3, the last paragraph under the heading, *The Consumer-Delegated model/\$11.50 per hour*, which reads, “A minimum of \$8.00 per hour must be paid to the Personal Care Attending proving care to the consumer.”

These change are effective the date of signing this Supplement.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact the PCO program manager, Laura Johns at (505) 827-7217.