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To: Primary Home Care (PHC) Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 07-88
Clarification of Extension of Primary Home Care (PHC)
Authorizations for **Some** Consumers Under 21 Years of Age

On August 29, 2007, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) published [Information Letter 07-84](#) describing the temporary extension of DADS PHC services for a limited number of children. The purpose of this letter is to restate and clarify Information Letter 07-84.

Effective September 1, 2007, most Medicaid consumers who are younger than 21 years of age and require personal assistance services will receive these services through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) Personal Care Services (PCS) benefit. PCS will provide assistance with activities related to the consumer's disability, physical or mental illness, or chronic conditions.

As of August 29, 2007, a Medicaid PCS provider had not been identified for a **small number of children** currently served in DADS PHC program by approximately 20 PHC providers. To ensure continuity of care for these children DADS will temporarily continue their services in the PHC program. **DADS will only extend PHC authorizations for these children.**

DADS contacted the providers for each of the affected children asking them to continue PHC services for one month at the same level of service as currently authorized. DADS case managers will send each provider the appropriate paperwork authorizing services (DADS Form 2101) for one more month (to September 30, 2007). **Providers may only continue to bill DADS for PHC services to this limited group of children.**

There will be no change in the PHC to PCS transition for children who have a Medicaid PCS provider identified. The Medicaid PCS provider will be responsible for services beginning September 1, 2007.

If you would like to enroll with the Texas Medicaid Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) as a provider or have questions about providing PCS services without being enrolled, please call (800) 925-9126. After the greeting, select option "2", and then select option "3" for Provider Enrollment.

Consumers and families requesting information regarding PCS may contact (888) 276-

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0702 for additional information. Callers must have the consumer's Medicaid number available when they call.

Sincerely,

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