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To: Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSAs), Consolidated Waiver Programs (CWP), Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), State of Texas Access Reform Plus (STAR+PLUS) and Integrated Care Management (ICM) Providers

Subject: Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
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TILEs to RUGs Billing Information for Community Services Providers

This letter provides information regarding billing for the September 1, 2008, transition from the Texas Index for Level of Effort (TILE) to the federal Resource Utilization Group (RUG). This information is provided to help ensure providers continue billing as usual during the transition period.

If you have questions about the TILEs to RUGs transition that are not answered in DADS TILEs to RUGs Information Letters or on the TILEs to RUGs website at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/TILEstoRUGs>, please email them to: RUGS@dads.state.tx.us.

LTC Bill Code Crosswalk

The billing process for providers remains the same with the transition to RUGs. Providers should continue to bill with national billing codes as is done today. For example, providers will continue to use S5125 HCPCS Code for Personal Assistance Services.

For the implementation of TILEs to RUGs, the LTC Bill Code Crosswalk will be updated in September 2008 to link national billing codes to the correct local codes. Providers should continue to refer to the LTC Bill Code Crosswalk to ensure that they have the correct national billing codes. The current version of the LTC Bill Code Crosswalk is available on the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at www.tmhp.com and on the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Provider Portal at www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/hipaa/billcodes/index.html#ltc.

The *Long Term Care Provider Bulletin* publishes quarterly updates on the TILEs to RUGs Transition Project. See the May 2008 issue for the most recent information. The August 2008 issue also will contain a summary of important dates and other useful RUGs information. *LTC Provider Bulletins* are available online at www.TMHP.com/LTC_Programs.com.

Sincerely,

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