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Memorandum

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Subject: How Implementing Community First Choice in Personal Care Services Affect the Medically Dependent Children Program

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This memorandum provides instruction to case managers on how to handle new requests for Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) services when a referral to Personal Care Services (PCS) is appropriate or while the case manager is completing a MDCP reassessment when the individual receiving MDCP is also receiving PCS.

Effective June 1, 2015 Community First Choice (CFC) is implemented. CFC is an unlimited Medicaid State Plan benefit offering personal assistance services to individuals with an institutional level of care. Individuals will no longer receive PCS through the Texas Health Steps – Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) but through CFC. For individuals who qualify, CFC will completely replace PCS. All individuals enrolled in MDCP will be eligible for CFC.

The DADS case manager will continue to make referrals for CFC as directed in the policy found in the MDCP Case Manager Handbook, 3220, Procedures for the MDCP Applicant Who Does Not Receive PCS. Department of State Health Services PCS case managers will work with PCS individuals to identify those who currently receive MDCP services in order to transition them to CFC at their annual PCS reassessment.

To verify enrollment and coordination of services the MDCP case manager will continue as directed in policy in the Case Manager Medically Dependent Children Program Handbook, 3240, Coordination of Services in the MDCP IPC and Personal Care Assessment Form.

The DADS case manager will continue to use PCS data reports as instructed in the Case Manager

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Medically Dependent Children Program Handbook, 3200.2, using the PCS Data Reports.
Individuals receiving CFC will be included in the match file.

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