

RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services 74 West Road, Building #74 Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

August 11, 2016

Dear Agency Director:

With the passage of this year's budget, home care service providers that participate with Rhode Island Medicaid may receive increased funding for a wage pass-through program for personal care attendants and home health aides who assist long-term care beneficiaries. The State intends to disburse these funds through a rate increase to the home care service providers. In order to receive this funding, interested agencies need to:

- 1) Let us know you will be participating, and
- 2) Submit a written plan to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for approval, detailing how your agency intends to pass through the increased wages to the personal care attendants and home health aides.

Please send us a written plan describing how your agency intends to pass through the increased wages **on or before September 1, 2016**. Please include in the plan the total number of employees who serve Medicaid beneficiaries at your agency. Send your written plan to: Attention: Michelle Lizotte, RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 74 West Rd., Building #47, Cranston, RI 02920 or email michelle.lizotte@ohhs.ri.gov

For questions, please contact Deputy Medicaid Director, Darren McDonald at 462-1965 or Darren.mcdonald@ohhs.ri.gov

Thank you for your continued support in providing home care services to Rhode Island elders and adults with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Darren McDonald

Deputy Medicaid Director