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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

Number 13-PI-06

Supersedes 12-PI-17

Expiration Date

DATE: March 13, 2013

TO: Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) Directors

SUBJECT: Rescinding the Extension for Conducting Assessments and Reassessments for AAAs due to Hurricane Sandy

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ACTION REQUESTED: Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order No. 47 declared a disaster emergency in all 62 counties of the State of New York as of October 26, 2012. In addition, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 56, which was extended by Executive Order No. 81 suspending and modifying the relevant provisions of Title 9 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) sections 6654.16(h), 6654.16(n) and 6654.16(x) for the EISEP until December 25, 2012. These regulatory extensions have now expired and original timeframes established in Title 9 of the NYCRR are re-established and in effect.

In addition, temporary extensions were granted for conducting assessments and reassessments and extending the effective period of a client’s care plan in Program Instruction 12-PI-17 issued on November 11, 2012. These extensions are now rescinded and the original timeframes for conducting assessments and reassessments and the effective period of a client’s care plan as required by previous New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) issuances are now re-established and in effect as of the date of this Program Instruction.

RESPONSE DUE DATE: The restoration of the original timeframes for conducting assessments and reassessments and the effective period of a client’s care plan is effective as of the date of this Program Instruction. This change applies to both state and federal funds. If bringing your client case load back into compliance with the

original timeframes will pose a problem for your Area Agency, you must contact your Aging Services Representative to assist you in developing a plan to bring your client case load back into compliance.

PURPOSE: This Program Instruction is issued to inform the AAAs that the original timeframes for conducting assessments and reassessments and the effective period of a client’s care plan as required by previous NYSOFA issuances are now re-established and in effect.

BACKGROUND: Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, NYSOFA issued 12-PI-17 which extended the timeframes for conducting assessments and reassessments of clients and the effective period of the care plan in relation to community-based long term care services (i.e., home delivered meals, personal care level 1, personal care level 2, social adult day care, case management, home health aide services and consumer directed in-home services).

The extensions granted in 12-PI-17 are now rescinded and the original timeframes for conducting assessments and reassessments and the effective period of a client’s care plan as required by previous NYSOFA issuances are now re-established and in effect as of the date of this Program Instruction. If bringing your client case load back into compliance with the original timeframes will pose a problem for your Area Agency, you must contact your Aging Services Representative to assist you in developing a plan to bring your client case load back into compliance.

PROGRAMS AFFECTED:

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