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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

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Expiration Date

DATE: October 25, 2023

TO: AAA Directors, Caregiver Coordinators

SUBJECT: Changes Related to the Assessment Requirements for Services Provided under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP, Title III-E).

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ACTION REQUESTED:

No action required.

RESPONSE DUE DATE:

Effective October 1, 2023.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Program Instruction is to inform Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) of changes pertaining to the assessment requirements for services provided under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP, Title III-E) and to provide instruction regarding the New York State Office for the Aging's (NYSOFA) expectations as they relate to the changes.

BACKGROUND:

Upon issuance of the NFCSP Standards (22-PI-15), NYSOFA has found it appropriate to amend certain assessment requirements to enhance the ability of the AAAs to provide services effectively and efficiently to caregivers. The NFCSP Standards require the AAA to attempt to assess each caregiver, using a caregiver assessment tool (as required in Title III-E of the Older Americans Act) prescribed by NYSOFA. For a caregiver to receive respite care and/or supplemental services, the caregiver assessment must be completed.

Prior to the caregiver assessment requirement, AAAs were required to assess the care receiver using the COMPASS assessment when providing caregivers with certain respite care and/or supplemental services. When providing services to caregivers under the NFCSP, the caregiver is the client, and therefore is the individual who is assessed to account for their needs and preferences.

Key changes are as follows:

1. Respite Care: the requirement that the COMPASS assessment be completed on the care receiver for certain types of respite care services (Cluster 1 aging services) has been eliminated. The caregiver assessment must be completed on the caregiver prior to authorizing services. As a result of the types of services received the care receiver may be required to complete certain assessments and/or paperwork.
2. Supplemental Services: the requirement that the COMPASS assessment be completed on the care receiver for certain types of supplemental services (Cluster 1 aging services) has been eliminated. The caregiver assessment must be completed on the caregiver prior to authorizing services. For nutrition services (home delivered meals, congregate meals, etc.), a short nutritional screen (see Attachment 1) must be completed to account for any food allergies and/or dietary restrictions the caregiver and/or care receiver may have.

PROGRAMS AFFECTED:

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