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As a current Medicaid Assisted Living provider, EOHHS would like to thank you for your collaboration as we implement Tiered Assisted Living rates. As a reminder, residents who were formerly on Category F are automatically eligible for Tier B reimbursement. All other residents will be Tier A. Each resident will be annually reassessed for his or her appropriate beneficiary tier when the Case Management agency caseworker completes the functional assessment renewal. However, we do recognize that you may have some residents who require a reassessment as we implement Tiers B and C.

Information from providers regarding which residents require a reassessment is critical for the State and Case Management agencies to adequately plan for and ensure proper implementation of the new policy. To support this period of transition, we are providing you with a resident assessment communication spreadsheet. This spreadsheet is to be used to track those residents for whom your agency has requested a re-assessment based on the tier changes. Please do not include routine annual assessments on this spreadsheet.

EOHHS is requesting each assisted living community use this spreadsheet to identify which residents need immediate reassessments to be considered for Tier B or Tier C. Please remember that all beneficiaries will be reassessed annually, so only your highest need residents should be identified. Please include in this list every reassessment you have requested since the announcement of the new tiers, even if the reassessment has already occurred. We also ask that you continue utilize this spreadsheet for tracking resident tier assessment requests until further notice.

Assisted Livings are responsible for filling out the following green columns in the Assisted Living Assessment Tracking spreadsheet:

- Basic demographic information: First and last name, date of birth, Medicaid ID number.
- The date the re-assessment request was made. This field is important for the duration of the transition because the State will honor the date of the assessment request date, should a higher tier be approved.

Assisted Livings will then send the form to their assigned Case Management agency using a secured email. Please copy Dianna.shaw@ohhs.ri.gov

The Case Management agency is responsible for filing out the following yellow columns:

- The caseworker assigned column designates a specific contact person should additional resident information be needed and allow EOHHS and OHA to better support the Case management agencies.
- The date the assessment was completed column will allow the Case management agencies to track their case load and allow EOHHS to track the number of residents changing tiers.
- The recommended tier level column will assist all the involved agencies in tracking a resident's most current tier.
- If a resident's Medicaid Level of Care (LTSS eligibility) is older than three years, then the Dept of Human Service/Clinical Team will also need to review the resident's clinical Medicaid eligibility.
- Please update this spreadsheet at least monthly.

Assisted Living communities were "grandfathered" in as either a certified basic provider, now referred to as Tier A, or as an enhanced provider, now referred to as Tier B. If you are a current Tier A provider and would like to apply to be a Tier B provider, please contact the Office of Community Programs (OCP) at: OHHS.ocp@ohhs.ri.gov

If you are a current Tier B provider and would like to apply to be a Tier C provider, please contact the Office of Community Programs (OCP) at: OHHS.ocp@ohhs.ri.gov

Additional detailed resources pertaining to the Tiered Assisted Living program can be found at the EOHHS website under Certification Standards, Assisted Living: [Certification Standards | Executive Office of Health and Human Services \(ri.gov\)](#)