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TO: Local Directors, Local Department Adult Services/Adult Protective Services Supervisors and Social Workers, Regional Directors, Regional Administrative Managers

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SUBJECT: Local Departments of Social Services No Longer to Claim/File for Assisted Living Facility Assessment Payments.

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As of July 1, 2012, local departments of social services (LDSS) will no longer claim and receive direct reimbursements from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) for assisted living facility (ALF) assessments and re-assessments. DMAS will be paying for all Medicaid activities – including ALF assessments – utilizing the Random Moment Sampling (RMS) system.

The cost of LDSS staff time spent on ALF assessments and reassessments will be claimed by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) through the RMS process. The RMS Observation Form and RMS Instructions have been revised to more clearly indicate tasks performed by Adult Services and Adult Protective Services workers. This change will provide a more consistent reimbursement method across all program areas and eliminate a number of accounting transactions that result in a net financial gain of **zero** when the payments are credited back through the monthly LASER process.

During the past 12 months, DMAS made direct payments to LDSS totaling \$160,000 for ALF assessments charged to Medicaid. To replace this revenue, VDSS will add \$160,000 to FY 2013 Budget Line 895 allocations for allowable APS/AS activities. This amount will be allocated based on each LDSS's percentage of assessments performed the previous year.

As a result, it will no longer be necessary for LDSSs to submit the CMS 1500 reimbursement form. However LDSS must continue the current practice of submitting all assessment and reassessment packages to ACS, PO Box 85083, Richmond, VA 23285-5083.

Any necessary changes to Adult Services guidance manuals will be forthcoming.

