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PROGRAM MEMO

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SUBJECT: Linkages Program Manual Revisions and the Formulation of the Respite Purchase of Service Manual	DATE ISSUED: June 24, 2008
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REASON FOR PROGRAM MEMO: <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Law or Regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Inquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Revision of the Linkages Manual and the separation of the Respite Purchase of Service requirements into a separate manual.	
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The purpose of this Program Memo (PM) is to inform Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Linkages staff that the Linkages Manual has been updated. Additionally, the Respite Purchase of Service (RPOS) Section of the Linkages Manual has been removed and placed in a separate RPOS manual.

Both manuals can be downloaded from the California Department of Aging (CDA) website at www.aging.ca.gov. The manuals are located on the CDA Operations and Best Practices Guide page of the website.

Attached to this PM is a list of major changes to the Linkages and RPOS Manuals.

Please Note: The Folstein Mini Mental Status Exam (MMSE) has been removed from the Linkages Manual. The MMSE is now copyrighted material.



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Utilization of the MMSE is at the discretion of each Linkages site. For further information about the MMSE, please go to the Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. website at <http://www3.parinc.com>.

CDA will work with professionals with expertise in current cognitive assessment tools to identify alternatives and provide guidance in the future.

Format and Content

Beginning immediately AAAs and Linkages Sites are required to use the updated Linkages Manual and the RPOS Manual. AAAs are instructed to download the revised Linkages Manual and the RPOS Manual from the CDA website and provide these manuals to their Linkages and RPOS contractors.

CDA would like to thank the membership of the Linkages Site Association, the Linkages Site Association Policy Committee, and the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging for their contribution in updating the Linkages and RPOS manuals.



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Attachments