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 **To:** County Boards of DD, Superintendents Councils of Government Directors

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**From:** Patrick Stephan, Deputy Director, Medicaid Development and Administration

**Subject:** Individual Options Waiver Community Integration Add-On

As many of you may have heard, recently DODD received approval to implement an additional Homemaker Personal Care (HPC) Rate add-on, and are in the midst of finalizing the work needed to implement it. The add-on will be available for any individual who was a resident of a DODD-run Developmental Center immediately prior to enrollment on the Individual Options (IO) Waiver. The add-on is $0.52 for every fifteen-minute unit of routine HPC delivered to the individual (through an Agency or Independent Provider). It does not apply to on-site/on-call services and does not vary by cost of doing business category; it can be in addition to existing add-ons (medical and/or behavioral) if circumstances warrant the use of those add-ons. This new add-on is available for up to one year per individual but is *currently only permitted to be paid for services rendered through June 30, 2013*.

Changes are being made to DODD’s Medicaid Billing System (MBS) and Payment Authorization for Waiver Services (PAWS) system to allow claims for individuals who qualify for the rate add-on to be properly authorized and reimbursed. The add-on will function within these applications in a very similar manner to the Medical Add-on and Behavior Support Add-on that currently exist. Discussions are underway about the mechanics of the add-on in the Medicaid Services System (MSS) over the long-term, but for now these features will only be applied through PAWS.

The add-on will be available for individuals who are discharged from a Developmental Center and immediately enrolled on the IO Waiver on or after December 1, 2011. The DODD system work to accommodate this is well underway.

Requests for the add-on must be first approved through our Division of Residential Resources, via Ginnie Whisman at Ginnie.Whisman@dodd.ohio.gov or by telephone at 614-644-6319.

If you have questions regarding the mechanical use of this rate add-on, please contact Debbie Hoffine, MDA Operations Manager at Debbie.hoffine@dodd.ohio.gov or by telephone at 614-752-9177.

Thank you very much.