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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Medicaid Providers, QUEST and QExA Health Plans, and ACS

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SUBJECT: INTERPRETIVE RULES ON LEVEL OF CARE EVALUATION  
FORMS (1147s)

Hawaii Administrative Rules state that the provision for the determination of need for admission to a long-term care institution for an individual requiring subacute, skilled nursing, or intermediate care is based on a physician and other appropriate health care professional's assessment and recommendation that the individual's condition requires a nursing facility level of care.

Although a physician's assessment and recommendation is required, a physician's signature on the DHS Form 1147 is not required. Legal interpretation on this section allows for the physician and other health care professional to discuss their assessments of an individual and reach agreement on recommendations. Therefore, effective September 20, 2011 the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) will allow a registered nurse to sign the 1147 as attestation that the signing registered nurse and treating physician have agreed on the assessment and are recommending (on the 1147) that the individual requires a nursing facility level of care.

If the registered nurse signs the 1147, then documentation is required that the treating physician concurs with the assessment of the individual, requested nursing facility level of care, and plan of care as recorded on the 1147. This documentation must be maintained in the individual's medical record. Completing this form is not billable as an evaluation and management service. Audits will be conducted by the MQD to ensure these requirements are met. If there are any questions on this issue, please contact Ms. Kathleen Ishihara, Nurse Consultant at (808) 692-8159.