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Dear Long Term Services and Supports Participant,

In 2018, the State of Alaska added Community First Choice (CFC) services to its Medicaid program.

CFC services provide recipients more flexibility in how services are provided and allows the state to maximize federal funding. The first waiver service to move into CFC was Personal Emergency Response Systems in 2018; the next move will be transitioning Chore Services to CFC, effective January 1, 2021.

This Notice is to advise you that since you currently meet a waiver level of care and you receive the waiver service of Chore, you will be automatically enrolled in CFC Chore Services on January 4, 2021 (the first work day of 2021), unless you tell your Care Coordinator before then that you do not want to receive Chore Services in the future.

What does this mean for you?

Effective January 1, 2021, all Chore Services for waiver-eligible recipients will be provided through the CFC program. If you do not want to receive CFC Chore Services, you must tell your Care Coordinator and those services will be removed from your current support plan (this used to be called plan of care). Chore Services as they currently exist will no longer be available and if you do not transition to CFC you will no longer receive Chore Services.

If I agree to change to CFC Chore Services, what will be different?

Nothing will change for you. You can still receive Chore Services from the same provider agency and worker, and you will continue to be able to choose from all providers that provide Chore services, if you want to change agencies. The difference in this program is at the agency and state level, in that the provider will just need to use a new code when billing Medicaid for your Chore Services.

How do I enroll in Community First Choice?

Because you are already enrolled in a waiver and have Chore Services listed on your support plan, **you will automatically be enrolled in CFC**. Auto-enrollment means you do not have to do anything, and your Chore Services won't change as a result of automatic enrollment.

Can I choose not to be automatically enrolled in the CFC program?

Yes. If you do not want to be automatically enrolled in CFC, you should contact your Care Coordinator. You (with help from your Care Coordinator) have 30 calendar days from the date of this letter to notify the State, in writing, via a waiver amendment removing Chore Services from your support plan, that you are choosing to opt out of the CFC program. Your Care Coordinator will submit this amendment through Direct Secure Messaging (DSM). Your Care Coordinator is receiving a copy of this letter.

Will I lose my Chore services if I do not automatically enroll in the CFC program?

Yes. If you decide to opt out of CFC, you will still receive your other waiver services, but you will no longer be eligible for or receive Chore Services. The State will only be able to pay your provider of your Chore Services if you enroll in CFC. You may want to discuss your options with your Care Coordinator.

When will Chore become part of the CFC program?

Chore will become a CFC service on January 4, 2021 (the first work day of 2021).


Will I still need a Care Coordinator?

Yes. Your Care Coordinator will continue to work with you to develop your annual support plan. Your support plan will include both CFC and waiver services. If you want to switch to another provider of Chore services, your Care Coordinator will need to submit an amendment to your support plan.

Who do I call if I have questions, or if I just want to keep all my services the way they are now?

Contact your care coordinator with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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