

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY WAIVER

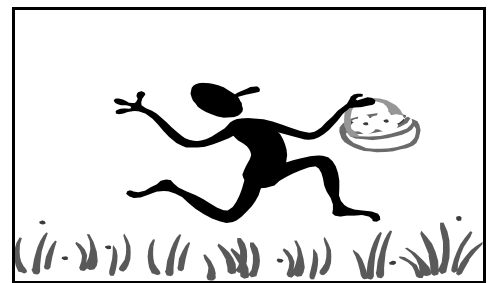
The application for the Assisted Living Facility Waiver has been submitted to HCFA for approval. We are already getting calls requesting that people be assessed to go on the new waiver on July 1, 2001.

The Assisted Living Facility Waiver will require the same eligibility factors as the LTC/HCBS Waiver, an LT101 with 13 or more points and the same financial requirements. Potential clients will not be able to apply with the Department of Family Services until June and the LT101 will need to be current at the time of application.

We realize that there is a lot of interest in the ALF Waiver and we will be getting information

out as quickly as it is available, both in press releases and community meetings.

The appropriation for the funding is not available until July 1, 2001 and we will make every effort to be able to offer services at that time. &



*The sun does not shine
For a few trees and flowers,
But for the wide world's joy.
—Henry Ward Beecher*

REMEMBER THE CONFERENCE



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CASE MANAGER VISITS

The Case Management reimbursement for each client includes the preparation of the Plan of Care, both the original and the renewals, all the related documentation, arranging for, and monitoring the provision of the planned services, assessing for, assisting with arrangements for, and monitoring non-waiver services. It is also based on the expectation that each LTC/HCBS Waiver client will be visited in their home at least once a month by the Case Manager. If the client's condition warrants more visits it is expected that they will be made as well.

Client visits to the office, seeing the client at the grocery store or other community settings, or at the home of another client may help your knowledge of the client but it does not fulfill the program requirements for the monthly program evaluation visit. The purpose of the monthly program evaluation visit is to assess the home environment and the appropriateness and effectiveness of the waiver services as well as the safety and well-being of the client.

There are very few exceptions to the required monthly Case Management visit being made to the client's home. Those clients who are adult day care participants can have the monthly visit done at the day care facility. In fact, if day care is the only service they are receiving, that is the most appropriate setting for most visits. It allows the Case Manager to assess the provision of the day care services. The care planning visits should be made to the client's home and involve any family members or other persons the client may wish to have present. Making some of the Case Management visits to the home of an adult day care participant allows him/her the privacy to express opinions about the adult day care that he/she may not feel free to express in the day care facility.

Any other exception to the Case Manager visiting the client in their home is on a case by case basis and needs to be discussed with our office before the visit is made in another setting.

Monthly Case Management visits are required. If a situation arises and the visit cannot be accomplished, it is important to let our office know the circumstances and to document the reason in detail. The visits need to be consistent in the time of month they are done. For instance, it is not acceptable to make a visit the last week of one month and the first week of the next month. If you are planning to be out of the office for part of a month you need to plan ahead to make sure the monthly visits are done or make sure they are done by another Case Manager. ☞

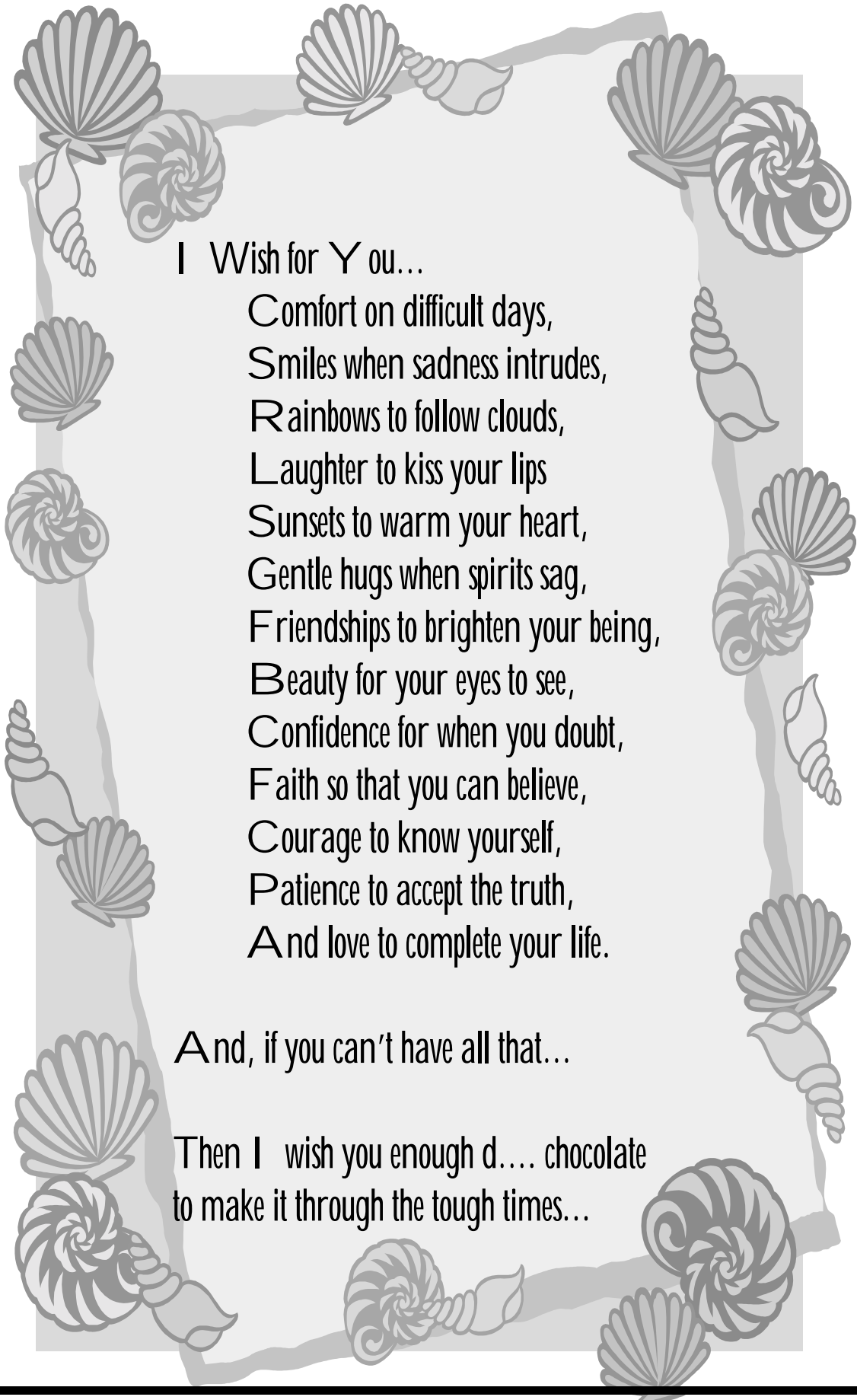
POLICY CHANGE

Those potential LTC/HCBS Waiver clients who are placed on the waiting list after June 1, 2001 will need to have a new LT101 done to assure their continued functional eligibility before they are granted an LTC/HCBS Waiver slot.

When a client's name comes to the top of the waiting list we will call you and request that you determine if the client still desires waiver services, and if they do, you must provide our office with an updated Plan of Care along with a new LT101. They will be able to begin LTC/HCBS Waiver services the day we receive the Plan of Care and the LT101 in our office.

The LT101 will be valid if it is done within 45 days of waiver admission. As your clients near the top of the list you will be able to order a new LT101 and have it ready to go when their slot is available.

Remember, this policy will be in effect for those going on to the waiting list June 1, 2001 and after. It is important that your clients are informed that they will be reassessed before they are placed on the LTC/HCBS Waiver. ☞



I Wish for You...

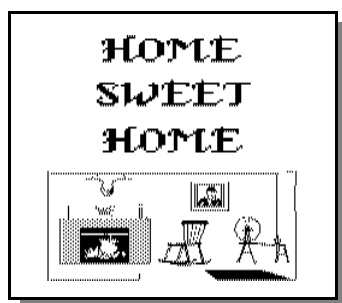
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.

And, if you can't have all that...

Then I wish you enough d.... chocolate
to make it through the tough times...

All I Need to Know About Life I Learned From the Easter Bunny

- _ Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- _ Walk softly and carry a big carrot.
- _ Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
- _ There's no such thing as too much candy.
- _ All work and no play can make you a basket case.
- _ A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention.
- _ Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.
- _ Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
- _ Some body parts should be floppy.
- _ Keep your paws off other people's jelly beans.
- _ Good things come in small sugarcoated packages.
- _ The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.
- _ An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.
- _ To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell.
- _ The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.



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