

October 30, 2012

Subject: Official Notice of Home Care Worker Wage Parity Minimum Rate of Total Compensation

Dear Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to provide all certified home health agencies (CHHAs), long term home health care programs (LTHHCPS) and managed care organizations (MCOs) in Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties with an official notice of the required minimum rate of total compensation for home care workers required pursuant to Public Health Law § 3614-c(3)(a)(i). That provision of law mandates that for the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 such total compensation must be no less than 90% of the total compensation mandated by New York City's living wage law.

- For the period of March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014, the minimum home care aide total compensation rate will be \$9.00 hourly, with a supplemental benefit rate of \$1.35 per hour.

Sincerely,

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