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Dear Valued APD Customer,

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This letter is sent to you because you receive services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities under the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver. Over the last year, you were moved to the new iBudget system of this waiver which allows you more flexibility in choosing your services. You were previously notified during the transition that the amount of your waiver funding was being reduced.

In order to clarify how your iBudget allocation was made, the Agency will be issuing an amended notice of your iBudget allocation.

On the reverse side is your Notice of Reinstatement of Medicaid Waiver Funding that will be effective on January 15, 2014. Please read it carefully as it provides important information about the reinstatement of your prior waiver funding. If you are in the Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+), please note that the CDC+ Monthly Budget for January 2014 will be increased to include the prorated reinstatement of funds.

Your reinstatement notice is temporary in that in the near future you will receive a second notice, called an Amended Notice of iBudget Allocation. Please review it carefully as it will contain important information regarding your proposed waiver funding reduction, the reasons for that decision, and your hearing rights.

At any time you may contact your regional APD office if you have any questions or need assistance. You may also contact the state APD office by calling 1-866-APDCARES or sending an email to APD.Info@apdcares.org.

As the APD director, I want you to know that we are making every effort to help you understand this transition process and to complete these follow-up activities as quickly as possible. We greatly appreciate your cooperation as we complete these tasks and continue to serve you.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Palmer Agency Director

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You are receiving this letter because of a settlement of the lawsuit *Moreland, et al. v. Palmer,* Case No: 4:12-cv-00585-MW-CAS (N.D. Fla.). Effective January 15, 2014 your Medicaid waiver funding for the cost plan year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 has been reinstated to the amount it was prior to your transition to iBudget. You will receive an amended notice of APD's determination of your iBudget allocation ("Amended Notice"). If you previously requested a hearing to challenge your iBudget allocation, and you have not withdrawn that request, you will not need to request a new hearing. If you did not previously request a hearing, you withdrew your hearing request, or you received a recommended order after a hearing, you can request a hearing when you receive the Amended Notice. Your reinstated funds will be available to you on a prorated basis until: (i) the resolution of your hearing, if requested; or (ii) after the time has passed for you to request a hearing pursuant to the Amended Notice and you fail to request one.