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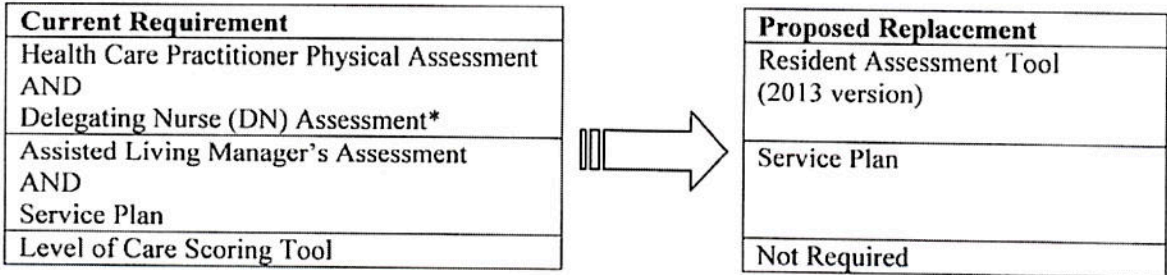Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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To:	All Assisted Living Providers
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Re:	Simplified Resident Forms

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A simplified Resident Assessment Tool (RAT) was piloted last year with a small group of providers. Their feedback was incorporated into a new assessment tool, which is now available for use by all providers.

Current Requirement	Proposed Replacement
Health Care Practitioner Physical Assessment AND Delegating Nurse (DN) Assessment*	Resident Assessment Tool (2013 version)
Assisted Living Manager's Assessment AND Service Plan	Service Plan
Level of Care Scoring Tool	Not Required

* When the revised RAT is completed by the DN, it will meet the requirements for the RAT and the DN's assessment. If the RAT is completed by someone other than the DN, the DN is still required to document their own assessment.

A few facts about the revised form:

1) It is optional. You may continue to use the 3-part RAT instead.

2) If you require a Level of Care score for Medicaid Waiver, you must continue using the 3-part RAT.

3) If you use the revised RAT, you must also use the corresponding revised Service Plan. There are no exceptions to this. (However, it is acceptable to use the revised Service Plan with the 3-part RAT.)

4) Page one of both forms identifies who may complete the forms and when they must be completed.

5) Both forms have a PDF version (to use if you intend to fill out the form by hand) and a Microsoft Word version (if you want to complete the form and save it on your computer for easy updating).

6) If you need additional space, you may add a page or write on the back of the PDF version. In the Word version, the rows will expand to accommodate everything you type.

7) Deficiencies may result if the forms are not completed in their entirety.

8) Please contact our office with any questions or concerns. Jennifer Tepper can be reached at jennifer.tepper@maryland.gov or 410-402-8161.