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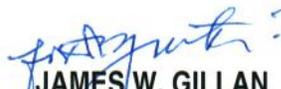
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The Department of Public Health and Social Services' Division of Senior Citizens would like to inform all aging program consumers, their families and caregivers that suspension of services for the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) will take effect on Monday, October 1, 2012. The services impacted are:

- **Information to Caregivers.** A service for caregivers that provides the public and individuals with information on resources and services available within the community;
- **Assistance to Caregivers.** A service that assists caregivers in obtaining access to support services and resources within the community;
- **Individual Counseling, Organization of Support Groups, and Caregiver Training.** A service to assist the caregivers in the areas of health, nutrition, and financial literacy, and in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving roles;
- **Respite Care.** A service to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving responsibilities; and
- **Supplemental Services.** A service provided on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPH&SS), Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) attempted to procure these services through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process on August 9, 2012 with a closing date of August 23, 2012. However, as there were no proposals submitted to the published RFP, a second RFP notice was issued on September 17, 2012 which closed on September 27, 2012. Because additional clarifications were needed, there is a delay in the review and evaluation process. We anticipate having the review completed within the week.

We apologize for this inconvenience. For inquiries from the general public, please contact the Division of Senior Citizens at 735-7421. All other inquiries from the media on this matter are to be directed to the Director's Office at 735-7102, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding locally recognized holidays.

  
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