ANNOUNCEMENT

VACANCIES ON THE MEDICAID AGED & DISABLED WAIVER QUALITY ASSURANCE and IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

THE MEDICAID AGED & DISABLED WAIVER PROGRAM (ADW) IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON ITS QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT (QAI) ADVISORY COUNCIL.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, INDIVIDUALS MUST BE A STAKEHOLDER SUCH AS SERVICE PROVIDERS, DIRECT CARE WORKERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND OTHER ADVOCATES AND ALLIES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

What is the QAI Council? The purpose of the QAI Council is to provide guidance and feedback to professional staff in the development of a quality assurance and improvement system for the ADW Program. The Council works with staff to ensure that the ADW supports the desired outcomes outlined in the seven focus areas of the Quality Framework developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Consumer, family, provider, and advocacy group representatives serve on the Council.

What is the role of the Council? The role of the Council is advisory in nature. Its function is to advise and assist Waiver staff in program planning, development, and evaluation. In this role, the Advisory Council:

- Recommends policy changes
- Recommends program priorities and quality initiatives
- Monitors and evaluates program policy changes
- Monitors and evaluates the implementation of program priorities and quality initiatives
- Serves as a liaison between the ADW and its stakeholders
- Establishes committees and work groups consistent with its purpose and guidelines

How often and where does the Council meet? The QAI Council generally meets on the fourth Friday of October, January, April, and July in Charleston.

If I send in an interest form, what happens next? You will be contacted by phone to confirm your availability and interest in serving on the Council. You will be asked to submit a brief description of your experience and interest. New members are recommended by the QAI Council and appointed by the Medicaid Program Operations Director for three-year terms. If you have additional questions, you may contact Julie Craigo at (304) 558-3317.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, please forward by mail or by fax (558-6647) the interest form attached to Ms. Julie Craigo, Director, Medicaid Program Operations, WV Bureau of Senior Services, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25305.

MEDICAID ADW QAI COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FORM

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
E-MAIL	
PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:	☐ **CURRENT RECIPIENT OF ADW SERVICES** ☐ **FORMER RECIPIENT OF ADW SERVICES** ☐ **LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE ABOVE** ☐ **STAKEHOLDER: SERVICE PROVIDER; DIRECT CARE WORKER; FAMILY MEMBER; AND OTHER ADVOCATES.**
WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE QAI COUNCIL	
EXPERIENCE	
THREE REFERENCES	**1)** **2)** **3)**