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TO: Home Health (34) Provider Letter A-112

RE: **SHPS On-site HH Review/Audit Survey  
Medicare/Medicaid recipients  
"Supply Only" Certification clarification**

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Effective April 1, 2009, the following will be required in the Medicaid Home Health program:

Effective with the 2009 SHPS HH on-site reviews/audits survey process, the reviewers will be required to verify the correct billing procedure for dual eligible individuals has been followed. Reviewers will require the agency to provide the documentation to support the Medicare denial of services and supplies obtained through the Medicaid program. The MAP 34, Home Health Agency Certification, must be correctly completed and available in the charts of all dual eligible recipients for whom the agency has billed Medicaid services and supplies if the service or supply was denied by Medicare or if the agency's internal utilization review process determined that the service or supply was not billable to Medicare. If Home Health internal utilization review determined that the service or supply was a non-covered Medicare service or supply, detailed justification for that decision must be presented with the MAP 34. SHPS will cite deficiencies in the Home Health agency's process if the above information is not available or not provided by the HHA to the reviewers.

As a reminder, Medicaid is always the payer of last resort (KRS 205.520). Recipients who are Medicare/Medicaid dual eligible should not receive their home health services through the Medicaid program unless it is for services not covered by Medicare.

Recipients who are Medicare/Medicaid dual eligible should not receive their disposable medical supplies through the Medicaid program unless it is for:

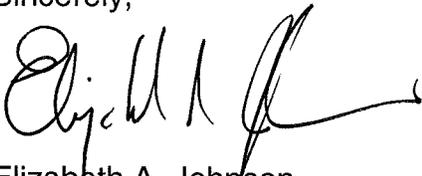
- (1) Incontinent supplies not covered by DME; or
- (2) Supplies necessary for an episode of skilled care through the home health program.

Dual eligible recipients should be educated by the Home Health provider about the Medicare process for obtaining needed disposable medical supplies through the Medicare DME program.

The Medicaid recipients who are "supply only" should receive their certification for a maximum ninety (90) day certification period. Modifications to "supply only" PA's will be for other supply items only or for increases in items already included on the original PA and will require a physician's order for the requested changes. If it becomes necessary for services to be added to a plan of care after certification for "supply only" has begun, the "supply only" PA should be cancelled and a new PA will be issued that includes all medically necessary services and supplies. PA certifications which include services and supplies will not exceed sixty (60) days per 907 KAR 1:030.

DMS appreciates the continuing service you provide to the Medicaid members of the Commonwealth. If you have any questions regarding this letter or Medicaid policy concerning the Home Health program, please contact Betty Murphy, MSS III, or Ellenore Callan, RN, NCI, at (502) 564-5560 or via email at [Betty.Murphy@ky.gov](mailto:Betty.Murphy@ky.gov) or [EllenoreC.Callan@ky.gov](mailto:EllenoreC.Callan@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth A. Johnson  
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