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**TO: Home Health Providers PT 34
Provider letter A-112**

**RE: Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Plan of Care revised requirement for Early and Periodic
Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPSDT)**

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

The Department for Medicaid Services reviewed the EPSDT program's Plan of Care (POC) policy associated with Private Duty Nursing (PDN) requirements. Currently the POC for EPSDT recipients receiving PDN is signed every sixty (60) days by the physician or other qualified prescriber.

While the current POC requirement is consistent with the process in place for Medicaid's Home Health program, data analysis indicates that children receiving PDN through EPSDT have complex medical needs which require lengthy treatment plans. Therefore, effective January 1, 2010, the prior authorization and renewal period for the POC through EPSDT will be six (6) months instead of the current 60 day period. This policy change will better serve the needs of recipients who require PDN services and will alleviate some administrative burdens placed upon the providers. The process for Medicaid's Home Health program will not change.

If you have any questions in regards to this policy change, please contact Linda Proctor or Lyris Cunningham at 502-564-6890.

Sincerely,

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