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TO: ALL LOCAL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS) PROGRAM AND GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP) STAFF, CCS MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, COUNTY MEDICAL STAFF, AND INTEGRATED SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION (ISCD) STAFF

SUBJECT: MEDICAL SUPPLIES, INCONTINENCE SUPPLIES, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME), AND ENTERAL NUTRITION PRODUCTS, COVERED WHEN ORDERED BY A PHYSICIAN - REVISED

The purpose of this information notice is to communicate that effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2017, upon a new or renewed prescription, the State Medi-Cal Program (including the CCS Program and GHPP) will reimburse for medically necessary medical supplies, incontinence supplies, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and enteral nutrition products when the prescription is ordered by a physician, within the scope of his/her practice, as defined by California law. When ordered by a non-physician provider type, medical supplies, incontinence supplies, DME, and enteral nutrition products will not be reimbursable.

This change in policy is to comply with the Home Health Services section of the California State Plan (pursuant to CFR Title 42, Section 440.70) approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In addition, the need for medical supplies must be reviewed by a physician annually to be separately reimbursable. DME items ordered must have had a face-to-face encounter between the patient and physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant related to the primary reason for the recipient requiring the DME item. If the face-to-face encounter is performed by a non-physician, they must communicate the clinical findings to the ordering physician.

Beginning July 1, 2017, Service Authorization Request adjudicators/reviewers in the local county CCS Program offices, State ISCD offices, and the GHPP should only accept prescriptions for medical supplies, incontinence supplies, DME, and enteral nutrition products, when ordered by a physician.

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For the CCS Program, the order must be signed by a CCS Program-paneled physician or a physician working with a CCS Program-paneled physician at a CCS approved facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Edan Lum, Pharm D., Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (916) 327-2399 or (415) 557-0222, or via e-mail at edan.lum@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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