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SUBJECT: Revised Prior Authorization and Program Exception Pages for the Home Health Services Handbook

BY:

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue revised pages for the Home Health Services Handbook.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all home health agencies providing services to recipients covered under the Fee-for-Service delivery system only.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Effective February 3, 2003, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) began issuing revised Prior Authorization and Program Exception Notices – providing additional information to consumers and prescribers or providers. In addition to all of the information contained on the current notices, the revised notices:

- identify requested and approved services separately, if the services are not approved as requested;
- specify the frequency and time period for which services were requested and approved;
- provide more explanation of the reason for the Department's decision.

The procedure for requesting and receiving prior approval of services will not change. However, the method of **claim completion** could change for some home health agency service providers.

PROCEDURE:

Please replace pages VII-7 through VII-12 of the Home Health Services Handbook with the attached pages VII-7 through VII-13, which contain all revisions for billing for Home Health Services.

ATTACHMENT:

- Replacement Pages for Home Health Services Medical Assistance Handbook

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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