

DME UPDATE

HealthSystems of Mississippi

July, 2002

Reimbursement of Ostomy Supplies

Effective for prior authorization requests received on or after February 1, 2002, the Division of Medicaid has authorized HealthSystems of Mississippi to price ostomy supplies at 15% above the actual cost of each item.

- ⇒ An invoice reflecting the provider's cost of each item must be attached to each request. **Catalog pages ARE NOT acceptable.**
- ⇒ Each request must be submitted with a valid 2002 HCPCS code. E1399 will no longer be accepted for ostomy supplies except when there is no specific HCPCS code.
- ⇒ The provider must list the usual and customary charge on the prior authorization request (Plan of Care) form.

These changes are applicable only

Highlights of Revised DOM Policy

The Division of Medicaid (DOM) has revised the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Policy/Criteria and Forms that became effective July 1, 2002. HealthSystems of Mississippi (HSM) highlighted **a few** of the changes below.

*Certification – is a condition of reimbursement and NOT a guarantee of payment. All DME, Orthotics & Prosthetics, and medical supplies, must be certified.

⇒ Certification - DME requests that are submitted to HSM within 30 days of delivery on the appropriate forms with required documentation.

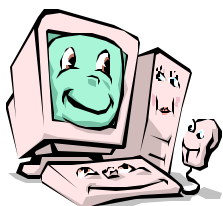
⇒ Precertification – DME requests that are submitted to HSM prior to delivery.

* Volume ventilators may be certified for rental only.

* Diapers for beneficiaries 3 years - 20 years of age may be certified for up to 12 months with documentation from the physician.

* Apnea monitors may be certified for 6 months rental, and then recertified in 3 month intervals.

* For all E1399 items, an invoice is required. Catalog pages **ARE NOT acceptable.**



To obtain a copy of the **Division of Medicaid's REVISED** manual go to the Division of Medicaid's website:

www.dom.state.ms.us

Note: you must download the newest version of Adobe Acrobat reader



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NEW... DME Quality Review

Effective July 1, 2002, HealthSystems of Mississippi (HSM) implemented the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Quality Program as required by the Division of Medicaid (DOM). HSM will be performing Quality Review for all the DME Providers contracted with DOM. The purpose of this activity is to ensure that services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries meet professionally recognized standards and to validate the information provided during certification with supporting documentation in the medical record/provider chart.

Provider information packets were mailed June 26, 2002. If you did not receive your Quality Information Packet or if you have any questions regarding the implementation of this program,



**Do you have
questions concerning
HSM policies or
procedures?**

Call our HSM Help-Line
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(601) 360-4888
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Informative Tips For DME Providers

- Beneficiary eligibility should be checked with ACS prior to review submission to HSM.
- A generic Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) should be used when submitting a request for a repair of an item.
- Clinical documentation on the CMN should be completed by a Physician, Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner only.
- The CMN/prescription (**revised form**) should be dated and must be signed by the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. Addendums to an existing prescription must be initialed by the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

HSM's Holiday Schedule

Monday, September 2, 2002
Labor Day

Monday, November 11, 2002
Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 28, 2002
Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2002
Christmas Day