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TO: Private Duty Nursing Providers

RE: PDN Providers COVID-19 Guidance

In response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Alabama Medicaid Agency expects all private duty nursing providers to continue to follow the established guidelines of the Alabama Department of Public Health, Alabama Department of Mental Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, as applicable for the clients being served. Please click on the following links for additional information:

<http://alabamapublichealth.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov>

<http://mh.alabama.gov>

Alabama Medicaid has temporarily lifted the EPSDT Referral requirement and the Private Duty Nursing Verification of Employment/School Attendance form (Form 387) for providing documentation of work hours.

The effective dates for this ALERT are March 16, 2020 - May 30, 2020 or at the conclusion of the COVID-19 National emergency, whichever occurs first.

During the COVID-19 emergency, it is important to file claims as quickly as possible to ensure payment from Medicaid is made to Medicaid providers close to the date of service. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has increased the federal matching percentage for the emergency time frame, but states can only receive the increased match on claims that are paid during the emergency.

For questions regarding the Private Duty Nursing program, contact Renee Adams at (334) 252-5040 or Renee.Adams@medicaid.alabama.gov.