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July 3, 2024

TO: ALL DME PROVIDERS

RE: 2024 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Cures Act Fee Schedule and Recoupments

Effective May 1, 2018, the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) implemented the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) fee schedule that meets the requirements of 21st Century Cures Act.

The law requires Medicaid to be responsible for expenditures that exceed the aggregate limit for any DME items detailed in section 1861(n) of the Social Security Act on or after January 1, 2018. Alabama is liable for any federal portion that exceeds these aggregate limits. Due to this change, it is necessary for Medicaid to implement the CMS Medicare rates for the affected DME codes. The updated rates affect the specific codes identified by CMS, and Medicaid will update the DME fee schedule on its website accordingly. The list of codes and rates are updated annually in accordance with CMS annual updates.

As a result of the January 1, 2024 Cures Act fee schedule update:

- The published Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect the updated CURES Act rates on the Medicaid website at https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/Gated/7.3G_Fee_Schedules.aspx
- Claim adjustments will occur during the July 19, August 2, August 16, and August 30, 2024 checkwrites for claims that resulted in an overpayment or underpayment to providers due to the CURES rate update.
- Recouped claims will be listed on the remittance advice under adjustments.

Questions related to the upcoming adjustments can be directed to the DME Program Manager, Jessica Grace, at (334) 242-2326 or jessica.grace@medicaid.alabama.gov.