Rule No. 560-X-44-.08. Payment Methodology for Covered Services

(1) Payments made by the Alabama Medicaid Agency to providers will be on a fee-for-service basis. Each covered service is identified on a claim by a procedure code.

(2) For each recipient, the claim will allow span billing for a period up to one month. There may be multiple claims in a month; however no single claim can cover services performed in different months. For example, a claim with dates of service of May 15, 2011 to June 15, 2011 is not allowed. If the submitted claim covers any dates of service which were covered in a previously paid claim, the claim will be rejected.

(3) Payment will be based on the number of units of service reported on the claim for each procedure code.

(4) Accounting for actual cost and units of services provided during a waiver year must be captured on CMS Form 372. The following accounting definitions will be used to capture reporting data, and the audited figures used in establishing new interim fees:

(a) A waiver year consists of 12 consecutive months starting with the approval date specified in the approved waiver document.

(b) An expenditure occurs when cash or its equivalent is paid in a quarter by a state agency for waiver benefits. For a public/governmental provider, the expenditure is made whenever it is paid or recorded, whichever is earlier. Non-cash payments, such as depreciation, occur when transactions are recorded by the state agency.

(c) The services provided by a direct service provider agency is reported and paid by dates of service. Thus, all services provided during the 12 months of the waiver year will be attributed to that year.

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