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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON BILLING FOR NURSING FACILITY SHORT-TERM STAYS

The Human Services Department (HSD), Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is issuing this supplement to provide clarification regarding revenue code 0190. Revenue code 0190 should be used when billing for Medicaid short-term stays in a Nursing Facility (NF) for less than 90 days when the member is covered by a Managed Care Organization (MCO). These stays do not require a Nursing Facility Level of Care (NF LOC). The MCO must reimburse the NF at the NF's contracted rate for a Low NF (LNF) stay. There are no High NF (HNF) determinations or Institutional Settings of Care (SOCs) issued for these types of stays. The non-skilled, non-hospice short-term stay is provided under the member's physical health benefit.

MCOs must update their systems as needed to allow for authorization and claims processing within 60 days of the issuance of this supplement.

For the HealthCare Quality Surcharge (HCQS), if the provider has a Medicaid short-term stay listed as Medicaid in their billing and minimum Data Set (MDS) systems, then providers would be reporting the short-term stay as Medicaid on the account auditors' collection forms for HCQS. If a provider's internal records (billing, MDS) are not correct, then there would be problems with reimbursement through HCQS. Short-term Medicaid stays will be captured via HCQS if the provider's data/billing/MDS reflects Medicaid days, not Medicaid Pending.

To ensure that provider reimbursement is received timely and accurately, providers must confirm Medicaid eligibility on the account auditors' collection forms for the HealthCare Quality Surcharge (HCQS). The HCQS will capture short-term Medicaid stays only when the providers system reflects Medicaid days. Medicaid Pending status will result in a non-payment under HCQS. Reimbursement issues will occur if the provider's internal records do not match the HCQS form.

Please contact the Medical Assistance Division at (505) 827-6252 or MADInfo.HSD@hsd.nm.gov if you have any questions regarding non-skilled, non-hospice MCO related short-term stays in a NF for less than 90 days.