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Streamlining Level of Care Processes

Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) and Deloitte are designing a system to streamline the Level of Care process. The system design should be finalized by 6/30/17, Development completed by 7/30/17 and testing will begin on 8/21/17. The scheduled "Go Live" date is 10/1/17. As of 10/1/17, Carewise will no longer accept Level of Care (MAP-726A) via fax.

Between 8/21/17 and 9/28/17, DMS and Deloitte will provide half day trainings for the new Level of Care process.

Benefind:

Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) encourages everyone to use the Benefind system. As of 7/1/17, Face to face interviews at the Medicaid office will no longer be required. SNF's can use the Benefind system to assist residents apply for Medicaid. IF the SNF has a signed MAP-14, the SNF can apply for Medicaid on behalf of the resident. [Click here](#) to access the Self Service Portal Medicaid Application Quick Reference Guide.

Re-certification will start again on July 1:

In January 2017, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) stated that January 2017 re-certifications were moved to July, February 2017 re-certifications were moved to August, March 2017 re-certifications were moved to September 2017, April 2017 re-certifications were moved to October 2017, May 2017 re-certifications were moved to November 2017 and June 2017 re-certifications were moved to December 2017. The 6 month delay allowed providers and DCBS extra time to work current cases.

The six months have quickly come and are almost gone. The re-certifications will begin again in July.

KY Medicaid Billing:

With the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) require all ordering, referring, and prescribing providers to be enrolled in the state Medicaid program. SNF's are required to include the physician's or practitioner's NPI and name on all Medicaid claims and to verify they are an enrollee in KY Medicaid and not on the excluded from participation list. Claims submitted between 4/1-7/1-17 not in compliance will result in a reminder notice. After 7/1/17 claims not in compliance will deny.

Pilot Testing PBJ Audits:

CMS has announced it will be conducting "pilot test audits" for payroll based journals. The auditors will notify providers in advance and NO penalties or sanctions will result of the audit findings.

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AHCA announces SNF PPS proposed rule and pre-rule on potential new payment

system: Under the proposed rule, starting October 1, 2017 the SNF Medicare rates will increase 1.0 percent.

Additionally, CMS released a separate Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) [CMS-1686-ANPRM], or “pre-rule,” which solicits comment on potential revisions to the SNF payment system, based on research conducted under the SNF Payment Models Research project. CMS may, or may not, take action on the proposal discussed in the pre-rule. The comment period has been extended to August 25, 2017.

A more comprehensive overview of the “pre-rule” may be found at: <http://www.kahcf.org/docs/documents/2542/5-15%20AHCA%20FY18%20NPRM%20Summary.pdf>

Rural to Urban designation changes effective July1, 2017:

The following counties that are now rural will be re-designated to urban:

Allen	McLean
Bracken	Meade
Butler	Shelby
Edmonson	Spencer
Hancock	Trigg
Hardin	Trimble
Henry	Warren
Larue	

Ordering, Referring and Prescribing Physicians for Medicaid Billing:

On February 1, 2017 Department for Medicaid Services issued a letter stating that every ordering, referring and prescribing physician has to be enrolled in the state Medicaid program. The requirement became effective April 1, 2017 and claims will begin to be denied as of July 1, 2017 if the referring or prescribing physician is not enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

Please insure your facilities have confirmed that all ordering, referring and prescribing physicians are actively enrolled as a provider in the Medicaid program.