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To: All Stakeholders

From: Lori Thompson, Assistant Director Program Services

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Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF
Concurrent Provision of Long Term Home Health and Residential
Habilitation Services

Purpose: Long Term Home Health (LTHH)- Home Health Aide services are a duplication of Residential Habilitation Services and Supports (RHSS) through the Home and Community Based Services - For Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver.

Background: The LTHH- Home Health Aide and RHSS benefits provide similar services. A duplication of services occurs when LTHH- Home Health Aide is provided at the same time the individual receives RHSS. These services are included in the RHSS benefit irrespective of whether that benefit is rendered under the Group Residential Services and Supports, Individual Residential Services and Supports, or Host Home delivery model. Claims for both LTHH- Home Health Aid and RHSS will result in a recovery of payment.

As defined in the HCBS-DD waiver agreement and at 10 CCR 2505-10 8.500.5.A.5.d.v, RHSS include:

"Medical and health care services that are integral to meeting the daily needs of the client and include such tasks as routine administration of medications or tending to the needs of clients who are ill or require attention to their medical needs on an ongoing basis."

The rate determination methodology for RHSS supports the provision of these medical and health care services by including cost factors for nursing and home health aide wages. In the reimbursement rate, these factors are adjusted to reflect differences in RHSS settings and the individual's Support Level.



As defined in the LTHH Benefit Coverage Standard at 10 CCR 2505-10 8.522, LTHH can be provided in:

"An Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS) setting, including Host Homes, apartments or homes where three or fewer clients reside, when services do not duplicate services that are the contracted responsibility of the IRSS."

"Group Residential Services and Supports group home residents may receive Medicaid Acute Home Health Services. LTHH may be provided in GRSS settings when the GRSS provider agency reimburses the Long-Term Home Health Agency directly for the LTHH services."

Community Centered Board (CCB) case managers are responsible for developing the HCBS-DD waiver Service Plan. Providers of LTHH benefits submit a Prior Authorization Request (PAR) and Plan of Care to the CCB case manager for their review and authorization of services. The case manager reviews the LTHH PAR and Plan of Care to ensure there is not a duplication of services between LTHH and the RHSS services received through the HCBS-DD waiver. Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.529.13.D, the Medicaid Quality Assurance Unit:

"The Contractor shall comply with all State Medicaid regulations promulgated by the Department as currently in effect and as they may hereafter be amended."

Procedure:

CCB case managers must not approve requests for LTHH services that are a duplication of RHSS.

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