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Subject: Medicaid Home Health Provider Updates

Dear Pediatric Home Health Providers:

We understand that there have been questions regarding the delay in implementing the revised Pediatric Assessment Tool, particularly around extending the current PARs as a result of the delay. In order to allow the necessary time to review the pilot testing, develop a scoring formula for the tool and obtain stakeholder feedback, we will be extending all Home Health nursing and CNA PARs that were submitted between February 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> for an additional three months.

Please note that extensions will only be made to the nursing and CNA services on a PAR. Medical necessity for therapy services are determined through the use of established criteria and will be processed as usual by the Colorado PAR Program. The client's existing PAR will be amended to extend the expiration date and the number of units, so your office will be able to continue to bill for services under the current PAR number.

**Do not use the current Pediatric Assessment Tool to submit any LTHH PAR requests for continuation of Long-Term Home Health services. The Colorado PAR Program has been directed to cancel any continuation requests for pediatric Long-Term Home Health nursing or CNA services until the release of the revised PAT tool.**

However, requests for new Long-Term Home Health pediatric clients and requests for a revision to a client's current Home Health PAR due to a change in the client's condition should be submitted to the Colorado PAR Program using the existing Pediatric Assessment Tool.

**PARs that will not be extended include:**

- Home Health Therapy PARs.
- Clients who will need to be reviewed as an adult (you will need to submit the Home Health request to the Single Entry Point or the Community Centered Board in the client's county of residence).

If you note any errors to the extensions or have questions related to these extensions, please direct them to the Home Health Hotline at 303-866-3447 or to e-mail the Department at [HomeHealth@state.co.us](mailto:HomeHealth@state.co.us). The Colorado PAR Program and Xerox will be unable to answer questions regarding these extensions.