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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Hospice Transmittal No. 13

Managed Care Organization Transmittal No. 119

Medical Supply & Equipment No. 71

Oxygen and Related Respiratory Equipment Transmittal No. 31

Rare & Expensive Case Management Transmittal No. 6

June 22, 2017

TO: Hospice Agency Administrators
DMS/DME Providers
Managed Care Organizations
Oxygen/Related Respiratory Equipment Providers
REM Case Managers

Susan J. Tucker

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Concurrent Care for Children Applicable to the Provision of DMS, DME, and Oxygen

NOTE: **Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.**

Under the provisions of Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid participants under age 21 for whom hospice care is elected are entitled to services that are curative or life-prolonging as well as to palliative treatment. Services that are curative, life-prolonging, or otherwise not directly related to palliation of the terminal condition are payable directly to the service provider, and are not part of the Hospice benefit. This transmittal specifically discusses how providers may seek reimbursement for medical supplies, adaptive and other medical equipment, and oxygen/respiratory equipment that are not directly connected to palliation of the terminal condition.

Supplies and equipment include, but are not limited to:

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| Incontinence supplies | Ventilators and other respiratory equipment |
| Enteral/parenteral feeding equipment and supplies | Specialized wheelchairs and accessories |
| Suctioning supplies and equipment | Apnea monitors |
| Tracheostomy equipment and supplies | Orthotics and prostheses |

If the hospice patient is enrolled in a HealthChoice Managed Care Organization, please contact the MCO directly for rules regarding prepayment authorization. Contact information can be found at: https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/healthchoice/Documents/HealthChoice_Provider_Brochure_FINAL_7.21.15.pdf

If the hospice patient is in the fee-for-service Program, the following equipment and supplies require prepayment authorization:

- (1) Disposable medical supplies with a charge exceeding \$500, except for supplies used for home kidney dialysis and enteral and parenteral supplies not exceeding one unit per day;
- (2) Incontinency pants in amounts exceeding the following for any 30-day period:
 - A. Age 16 and older – \$180
 - B. Age 3 through 15 years – \$240
 - C. Under age 3 – any amount
- (3) Disposable underpads in amounts exceeding the following for any 30-day period:
 - A. Age 16 and older – \$100
 - B. Age 3 through 15 years – \$135
 - C. Under age 3 – any amount
- (4) Durable medical equipment with a purchase price of \$1,000 or more except for equipment for home kidney dialysis, prosthetic devices, or orthotic equipment; and
- (5) Any rental of equipment after three months of rental;
- (6) All repairs to purchased durable medical equipment exceeding \$500;
- (7) Medical equipment listed on the Approved List of Items as individual consideration (I/C);
- (8) Medical equipment and supplies not listed on the approved list of items; and
- (9) The following oxygen/respiratory equipment:
 - A. Nasal continuous positive pressure (NCPAP) system;
 - B. Custom made tracheostomy tubes; and
 - C. Intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) machine.

The Approved List of Items referenced above may be found at
<https://mmcp.dhmdh.maryland.gov/communitysupport/Pages/approvedlist.aspx>.

Any questions specific to hospice billing in the fee-for-service Program may be directed to Leslie Jackson, Hospice Coordinator, at (410) 767-1714 or at leslie.jackson@maryland.gov. Questions regarding billing or prepayment authorization of medical equipment, supplies, and oxygen/related respiratory equipment may be directed to the DMS/DME Program at (410) 767-7283 or dhmdh.dcss@maryland.gov.