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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: All Medicaid Providers**

**SUBJECT:**

- I. Clarification of Covered Rabies Procedure Codes**
- II. Clarification of Customized Light-Weight & Manual Wheelchairs**
- III. Correction to Effective Date for Administrative Days Rate**
- IV. Physician Fee Schedule Update**
- V. Pediatric Sub-Specialist Fee Schedule Update**
- VI. Physician Administered Injectable Drugs Fee Schedule Update**
- VII. DME Services Fee Schedule Update**

**The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will make the following changes and clarifications effective as outlined below:**

**I. Clarification of Covered Rabies Procedure Codes**

Clarification of the bulletin dated August 14, 2009, titled Coverage of Rabies Vaccine and Immune Globulin. This revision is to clearly outline the CPT codes that are covered when providing rabies treatment. The rabies immune globulin CPT codes 90375 or 90376 and the rabies vaccine codes 90675 or 90676 are covered.

**II. Clarification regarding Coverage of Customized Lightweight Wheelchairs and Customized Manual Wheelchairs**

SCDHHS will allow customized lightweight wheelchairs and customized manual wheelchairs to be purchased if approved by prior authorization. DME reimbursement codes K0002-K0007 are affected by this change.

**III. Correction to Effective Date for Administrative Days Rate**

The Medicaid Bulletin dated September 10, 2009, listed the effective date for the Administrative Days rate for patients that are Ventilator Dependent incorrectly. The correct effective date for patients that are Ventilator Dependent is December 1, 2008. The rate for regular room and board remains effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2008.

**The following revisions are being made in accordance with the legislative intent of the Fiscal Year 2010 State Appropriations Act. SCDHHS will make the following fee schedule revisions effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2009.**

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#### **IV. Physicians Fee Schedule Update**

The SCDHHS will update the Medicaid fee schedule for physicians services. Reimbursement for Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes and most other procedure codes will be at 86 percent of the April 2009 Medicare Fee Schedule. Nurse Practitioners will continue to receive reimbursement at 80 percent of the physician's rate.

#### **V. Pediatric Sub-Specialist Fee Schedule Update**

SCDHHS will update the Medicaid fee schedule for Pediatric Sub-Specialists. Reimbursement for E&M Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes will be at 120 percent of the April 2009 Medicare fee schedule and 100 percent for most other covered CPT codes.

#### **VI. Physician Administered Injectable Drugs Fee Schedule Update**

The SCDHHS will update the fee schedule for physician administered injectable drug codes. These rates will continue to be based on Average Wholesale Price (AWP) as published by ReadyPrice, April 2009, minus 18 percent (AWP-18%). If ReadyPrice has not indicated a change to AWP on or before April 2009, the rate will remain the same.

#### **VII. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Services Fee Schedule Update**

SCDHHS will update the fee schedule for DME services. Medicaid reimbursement for covered DME codes will be based on Medicare's April 2009 fee schedule. For Medicaid covered Supply Codes, reimbursement will be at 100 percent of the Medicare allowable. For DME Equipment, Orthotic and Prosthetic Codes, reimbursement will be at 90 percent of the Medicare allowable. Manually priced codes will be reimbursed at the lesser of: 90 percent of the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) or the provider's net cost plus 25 percent (MSRP and Net Cost validation required).

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, any Medicaid billings, or policy questions, please contact your Program Representative.

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