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TO: Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services Providers

SUBJECT: Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services Medicaid Provider Manual Clarifications and Changes

Effective November 1, 2008, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has made clarifications and changes to information stated in the Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services Medicaid Provider Manual as listed below:

1. In Section 2, under the heading of General Information, Evaluations, the first paragraph should read: **The evaluation must occur prior to the provision of the initial Medicaid Rehabilitative Therapy Service. The evaluation must be conducted by an enrolled Medicaid provider who bills DHHS for the service after receiving the referral from another Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA).**

If the evaluation indicates treatment is needed, then the Medicaid provider of service must write their own Treatment Plan following the completion of the evaluation.

Additionally, we are adding a third paragraph to clarify Re-evaluations:

A re-evaluation is performed subsequent to the initial evaluation and relates to the disorder. A re-evaluation must be conducted annually for each beneficiary; however, a re-evaluation can be conducted within a six-month time frame. A re-evaluation must be completed when enough time has passed to accurately assess the beneficiary's progress. This service may be performed twice a year. Signature and date of signature on evaluations and re-evaluation are mandated requirements.

2. In Section 2, regarding Referrals, the first bullet should read: **Be updated no later than the annual renewal of the IEP and re-evaluation.**

3. In Section 2 under the heading of Clinical Service Note, documentation of length of time (either in minutes or units) is required. Additionally, when the policy calls for a signature with date, the month, day and year are all required.
4. Treatment Plans are required of Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and Speech Language Pathologists. The Medicaid provider of service must write their own Treatment Plan upon completion of the evaluation if the evaluation indicates treatment is needed.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to your Program Coordinator at (803) 898-2655. Your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program is appreciated.

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