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Effective Immediately

Attention: All Providers, Suppliers and Pharmacies

SUBJECT: Clarification - 42 CFR Part 440 Medicaid Program Policy Changes and Home Health Services

The agency is clarifying Medicaid Program policy changes, and the ordering of Home Health services including medical supplies and equipment. The following drug-related and respiratory supplies **do not** require a physician signature/co-signature when being ordered:

1. *Supplies and equipment necessary for or ancillary to the administration of pharmaceuticals or monitoring their effectiveness including glucose monitors, glucose test strips, lancets, insulin pens, needles, syringes, inhalation masks, nebulizers and spacers may be ordered by non-physician practitioners (i.e. ARNPs, PA's) within their scope of practice without a physician signature/co-signature.*

This applies to orders and prescriptions signed prior to February 1, 2019 and to future orders and prescriptions.

2. *Respiratory supplies and equipment necessary for or ancillary to the administration or monitoring of medications, including oxygen, such as inhalation masks, nebulizers and spacers may be ordered by non-physician practitioners (i.e. ARNPs, PA's) within their scope of practice without a physician signature/co-signature.*

This applies to orders and prescriptions signed prior to February 1, 2019 and to future orders and prescriptions.

The current Provider billing guides and rules will not reflect this change, but will be updated as soon as possible.

If you have a question, please email HCAmedicalequipmentandhh@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MaryAnne Lindeblad".

MaryAnne Lindeblad, BSN, MPH
Medicaid Director

By email