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Subject: DRA Span Edit and Claims Exceeding \$403.98

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of some substantial changes around the reimbursement process for claims which exceed a daily billing unit (DBU) rate of \$403.98. The current process was identified in a memo to the field dated July 28, 2008. The current process which involves a manual review of the claims prior to payment will cease for claims submitted after June 30, 2009.

As indicated in Appendix A of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5101:3-41-11, the maximum Daily Billing Unit permitted per rule is \$403.98. The current work-around process which has been developed has become cumbersome to all parties involved and has resulted in an unnecessary level of bureaucracy as well as delayed payments to providers. Recently ODMRDD and ODJFS have come to an arrangement which will eliminate all claims that exceed this threshold through a three tiered approach:

Transition individuals who consistently exceed \$403.98 from the DRA to HPC billed in 15 minute units.

- Transition individuals who consistently exceed the \$403.98 threshold due to high funding ranges, and/or intensive needs back to Homemaker Personal Care (15 minute unit) approach.
- ODMRDD will determine who consistently exceeds the threshold. We expect that approximately 20 individuals statewide will fall into this category.
- At this point in time, the roommates sharing services in the site are to also be removed from the DRA.
- Gil Kerns will contact and work with counties directly where this situation exists.
- This transition must be completed by July 1, 2009.

Extend the DRA billing span from 7 to 14 days, which will reduce the “spike” claims that exceed \$403.98.

- This DRA enhancement will permit the extension of the DRA billing cycle span from 7 to 14 days. The enhancement will be in place by July 1, 2009.
- Extending a span beyond 7 days will only be an option in circumstances where a DBU will exceed \$403.98. The user will be prompted to extend the span when the threshold is exceeded.

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- If the DBU still exceeds \$403.98 after the span is extended to 14 days, the provider shall submit the claim and receive payment of \$403.98. The provider may then be eligible for payment up to the DRA calculated DBU through a special ODMRDD payment process outlined below.
- *Providers and county boards are however, encouraged to re-project costs when the DBU continues to exceed \$403.98 after a 14 day span.*
- ODMRDD will provide training, instructions and technical assistance on this new feature. Further information is forthcoming soon.

Retrospective payment process to when the DBU exceeds \$403.98.

- If the DBU exceeds \$403.98 after the DRA span is extended to 14 days, the provider shall submit the claims to ODMRDD using the DRA-calculated rates. ODMRDD will submit the claims to ODJFS; the Medicaid maximum reimbursement rate (\$403.98) will be paid within the current 16-21 day claims processing timeframe.
- ODMRDD will calculate and track the difference between the actual DBU and the Medicaid maximum reimbursement for such claims.
- ODMRDD will pay the provider the amount calculated subject to the following limitations:
 - Special payments are made from ODMRDD are subject to budget limitations and are subject to circumstantial review by ODMRDD.
 - Special payments are limited to two 14-day spans per recipient per state fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2009).
 - Special payments will be made for only the first two 14-day spans paid in the state fiscal year.
 - Special payments for claims submitted in each quarter of the state fiscal year will be paid in the first month after the subsequent quarter. For example, special payments for claims submitted and paid in July-September 2009 will be made in January 2010. The retrospective nature of the special payments is necessary to allow for adjustments.

This three tiered approach as outlined above will be in place by July 1, 2009. If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact Tracy Cloud-Thomas at (614) 752-9177 or by e-mail: tracy.cloud-thomas@dmr.state.oh.us. Otherwise, please stay tuned for additional details on training.

Thank you very much.