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Subject: Public Notice for Updates to Durable Medical Equipment

Add'l info: The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is amending the State Plan to include coverage of prostheses for whole-body health; update the prior approval process for both prostheses and orthoses that cost more than \$1,000; as well as coverage of repairs and replacement of prostheses and prostheses components. These changes will be applicable to both the Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) and Fee-for-Service (FFS) populations.

Senate Bill 614 (SB614) expanded coverage of prostheses to include activities that promote whole-body health. Examples of whole-body health activities include: biking, swimming, running, weight lifting, as well as other activities that improve lower or upper limb function. This State Plan Amendment implements these changes by expanding coverage of prostheses for whole-body health as well as establishing parameters for the repair or replacement of prostheses. In addition, this state plan amendment establishes a prior authorization threshold of \$1,000 for both prostheses and orthoses.

The proposed effective date is January 1, 2025. Prostheses and orthoses will continue to be reimbursed at 85% of the Medicare Fee Schedule that is updated annually at the beginning of each calendar year. .

The Department anticipates a fiscal impact of \$3,400,313 for calendar year 2025 with \$2,237,066 (65.79%) coming from federal funds and \$1,163,247 (34.21%) coming from general funds.

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