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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor – Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor – S. Anthony McCann, Secretary

December 6, 2005

Dear Provider:

On December 1, 2005 the Durable Medical Equipment/Disposable Medical Supply Unit (Program) has been including input from recipients' case managers in the current process of reviewing prepayment authorization requests for recipients enrolled in the Program's Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) Program. The recipient's assigned REM case manager will assist in this enhanced review. Equipment targeted for enhanced review at present includes wheelchairs and power operated vehicles, hospital beds, lifts, adaptive strollers and apnea monitors.

This enhanced review provides the case manager with information on the types of equipment their clients are requesting. It also provides the Program with information on recipients' functional abilities and equipment they already possess. This enhanced review does not affect the current process that you are required to follow. The Program expects to continue to process pre-payment authorization requests in a timely manner

Please feel free to contact the Program at 410-767-1739 if you have questions pertaining to this correspondence. Thank you for your continued service to Maryland Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely,

Simone Cook
Supervisor
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