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Personal Care Case Monitoring Agencies

Personal Care Provider Agencies

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informed of the contents of this transmittal

Level 2 Payments - Two Providers Serving Same Recipient on the Same Day

Currently the Personal Care Services program's claim processing system allows only one provider to be reimbursed for providing Level 2 services to a recipient during one day. It is recognized that it would be beneficial to allow two providers to be reimbursed on the same day for services to a recipient assessed as needing Level 2 care in those instances in which a recipient requires care at two different times during one day. An example of this would be a recipient who requires assistance in the morning with dressing and grooming, and then again when preparing for bed.

Effective October 23, 2000 the claims processing system will accept new procedure codes to enable payment of two providers providing care on the same day to the same recipient of Level 2 services. There is no additional funding in the Personal Care program, therefore the reimbursement for a Level 2 service will be split evenly between each provider. At the current Level 2 reimbursement rate of \$20.00, this will result in payments of \$10.00 for each of the two providers rendering care to a recipient on the same day. This reimbursement policy must be clearly explained to providers rendering part of a day of Level 2 services. There are four new procedures codes for payment of Level 2 services:

Individual Provider

(H0072) Level 2 – A.M. Visit (H0073) Level 2 – P.M. Visit

Provider Agency

(H0062) Level 2 -A.M. Visit (Agency) (H0063) Level 2 - P.M. Visit (Agency)

Please note that for Level 2 services provided by one provider to a recipient during one day, you must continue to use the existing procedure codes, regardless of whether the service is continuous or separate visits. These are:

Individual Provider H0092 Day of Personal Care – Level 2

Provider Agency H0082 Day of Personal Care (Agency) - Level 2

Regarding regulatory limitations on caseload size, if a provider performs only part of a day of Level 2 care, this may be treated as a Level 1 assignment. Additional cases would be assigned according to the guidelines contained in Personal Care Services regulations, COMAR 10.09.20.05 (A).

Any questions concerning this transmittal may be directed to the staff specialist for the Personal Care Services program at 410-767-1444.