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Disposable Medical Supplies/Durable Medical Equipment
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Hospital Transmittal No. 184
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TO: Disposable Medical Supplies/Durable Medical Equipment Providers
Hospital Administrators
Nursing Facility Administrators

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

SUBJECT: Equipment and Supplies for Institutionalized Recipients Pending Discharge to Home

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Under State regulations governing Medicaid reimbursement for disposable medical equipment (DMS) and durable medical equipment (DME), the Program reimburses DMS/DME providers for equipment furnished for a recipient's use in his or her home. "Home" is defined as excluding hospitals, nursing facilities, and other medical institutions. The Program, as a general rule, may not directly reimburse DMS/DME providers for supplies and equipment provided for recipients living in these facilities, as DMS and DME are covered services under the hospital and nursing facility benefit programs. The Program, however, may reimburse providers who furnish equipment and supplies to recipients who expect to be discharged from the institution to home, when such supplies/equipment are needed to facilitate the discharge and support the recipient in the home.

When requesting preauthorization for supplies and equipment for recipients pending discharge to home, the request must include a written discharge plan and state the anticipated discharge date. Requests for preauthorization of such items should not reflect service/delivery dates of more



preauthorization of such items should not reflect service/delivery dates of more than 14 days prior to the anticipated discharge date; exceptions to this rule may be made in cases where the equipment is needed more than 14 days in advance in order to provide pre-discharge training. Such need must be adequately documented.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the DMS/DME staff specialist by phone at 410-767-1739 or by email at howardc@dhmh.state.md.us.