

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL, NO 03-02, FL-2 Process

DATE: JUNE 22, 2001

Manual: AGED, BLIND AND DISABLED

Change No. 03-02

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: July 1, 2001

I. BACKGROUND

In an effort to streamline the processing of the FL-2 and MR-2, the procedures for submitting the forms are revised effective July 1, 2001. Presently, providers submit the completed FL-2/MR-2 to the county DSS. Providers will be notified of the change in the July 2001 Medicaid Bulletin.

Also, providers were notified in the January 2001 Medicaid Bulletin of changes in the retroactive prior approval process. Those changes are incorporated in this policy.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. Submission of FL-2 and MR-2

Providers will now submit the completed FL-2 or MR-2 directly to EDS instead of to the county. EDS will return the approved FL-2 or MR-2 to the county DSS for processing. The DSS will then forward a copy of the approved form to the facility. If a provider sends the completed FL-2/MR-2 to the county, the county should forward the form to EDS and notify the provider of the new procedure. Counties can process a case using telephone verification of the prior approval by the facility. MA-2270 is revised to reflect the change.

B. Retroactive Prior Approval

MA-2270 is also revised to include the new regulations that were effective January 1, 2001, regarding retroactive prior approval. There are two major changes in this revision. One change is that retroactive prior approval will not be granted for time periods exceeding 90 days from the date Medicaid is authorized. The other change is that medical records are required if the request for retroactive approval includes dates more than 30 days after the telephone approval of the FL-2.

C. Other Changes

Policy is also updated to remove the instructions to counties to notify the nursing facility that the physician may write a prescription for more than a 30-day supply. Counties were instructed to do this when the nursing home recipient routinely has more than 6 prescriptions. Effective July 1, 2001, physicians can no longer write prescriptions for more than a 34-day supply.

III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove MA-2270, pages 1-2, 19-20, 29-30a, 35-36, 39-44

Insert MA-2270, pages 1-2, 19-20, 29-30a, 35-36, 39-44.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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