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MEMORANDUM

TO: QUEST Integration Health Plans
Long Term Care Providers
Durable Medical Equipment Providers
Pharmacy Providers

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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS AND SERVICES CARVED OUT FROM THE LONG TERM CARE PPS RATE

This memorandum clarifies items which are excluded and should be reimbursed separately from the long term care Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate. Hawaii Administrative Rules (H.A.R.), Chapter 17-1739, Section 17-1739.2-4(15), identifies items and services that are specifically excluded from reimbursement from the long term care PPS rate and that can be billed and reimbursed separately.

MQD recognizes that the types of patients being treated in nursing facilities today have changed materially since the rules were finalized in 2005. It has also been recognized that the definition of excluded items may have been applied differently among the QI plans. Therefore, this is to clarify the items below are covered in the H.A.R. cited above, in order to improve uniformity and consistency of medical coverage. We are providing the following examples of separately billable items for patients in a long term care facility:

1. Wearable cardioverter monitor-defibrillators (i.e. LifeVest)

2. Non-invasive mechanical ventilation supplies (i.e. CPAP, BiPAP)
3. Rental of wound vacuum machines and associated supplies
4. Total parental nutrition (TPN) and Peripheral Parental Nutrition (PPN) for adults
5. Specialized formula
6. Rental of TPN pumps and TPN associated supplies
7. Intravenously administered antibiotics
8. Purchase or rental of physician-ordered specialized or customized equipment as needed such as bariatric beds, alternating pressure reduction mattresses, bariatric chairs, chairs for Huntington Disease patients
9. Hyperbaric treatments

Separately billable items can be provided by the NF (nursing facility) or a Medicaid DMEPOS (durable medical equipment, prosthetic, orthotic, medical supply provider).

We hope that this clarification will provide consistency and uniformity for the reimbursement and treatment for services provided by long term care providers. Should you have any questions, please contact Jon Fujii, Health Care Services Branch Administrator at 808-692-8083 or email at jfujii@dhs.hawaii.gov.