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MEDICAID MEMO

TO: All Providers and Managed Care Organizations Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program

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MEMO: Special

DATE: 6/13/2017

SUBJECT: Provider Medical Record Documentation of Covered Services: Change in Timing Requirements for Provider Signatures

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) that DMAS is changing its requirement concerning the timeliness of provider signatures for purposes of medical record documentation of covered services. The scope of this change is limited to documentation of general physician services in medical inpatient and medical outpatient settings, except in instances where other regulations or other DMAS guidance specify different requirements for particular services or particular settings. The changes detailed in this memo will be effective July 13, 2017.

Background

Currently, the DMAS *Physician/Practitioner Provider Manual* requires that all documentation must be signed (name and title) and dated (month, day, year) on the date of service delivery (see Chapter II, pages 16-17), except in instances where other regulations or other DMAS guidance specify different requirements for particular services or particular settings.

New Timeframe

DMAS is modifying the requirement to allow 14 calendar days to complete the required signatures for paper charts as well as Electronic Health Records for providers of general physician services in medical inpatient and medical outpatient settings.

The following statement will be added to the *Physician/Practitioner Provider Manual* "Documentation" section (Chapter II, pages 16-17):

All physician services provided shall be documented in the medical record at the time they are rendered, whether in person or via telehealth. All patient medical records, whether paper-based or electronic, shall be signed with the first

initial, and last name and title and dated (month, day, and year) no later than 14 calendar days from the date of service delivery. The 14-day signature requirement shall apply in all cases, except where a federal or state signature deadline requires a time frame different than 14 days.

References to the requirement of signature “on the date of service delivery” in that same section will be removed. Providers will be notified when the revised *Physician/Practitioner Manual* is published.

As noted above, in instances where other regulations or other DMAS guidance specify different signature timing requirements for particular provider types, settings or services, such standards shall remain in place.

MAGELLAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF VIRGINIA (Behavioral Health Services Administrator)

Providers of behavioral health services may check member eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, and service authorizations by visiting www.MagellanHealth.com/Provider. If you have any questions regarding behavioral health services, service authorization, or enrollment and credentialing as a Medicaid behavioral health service provider please contact Magellan Behavioral Health of Virginia toll free at 1-800-424-4046 or by visiting www.magellanofvirginia.com or submitting questions to VAProviderQuestions@MagellanHealth.com.

MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS

Most Medicaid individuals are enrolled in one of the Department’s managed care programs: Medallion 3.0, Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC), Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus), and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to a managed care enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the managed care plan/PACE provider. The managed care plan/PACE provider may utilize different prior authorization, billing, and reimbursement guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals. For more information, please contact the individual’s managed care plan/PACE provider directly.

Contact information for managed care plans/PACE providers can be found on the DMAS website for each program as follows:

- Medallion 3.0:
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-home.aspx
- Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC):
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mmfa-isp.aspx
- Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus):
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-proinfo.aspx
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE):
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_atchs/ltc/WEB%20PAGE%20FOR%20PACE%20Sites%20in%20VA.pdf

COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE PLUS

Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus is a required managed long term services and supports program for individuals who are either 65 or older or meet eligibility requirements due to a disability. The program integrates medical, behavioral health, and long term services and supports into one program and provides care coordination for members. The goal of this coordinated delivery system is to improve access, quality and efficiency. Please visit the website at: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-home.aspx.

VIRGINIA MEDICAID WEB PORTAL

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorizations, and electronic copies of remittance advices. Providers must register through the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal in order to access this information. The Virginia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed by going to: www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, please contact the Conduent Government Healthcare Solutions Support Help desk toll free, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The MediCall audio response system provides similar information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

KEPRO PROVIDER PORTAL

Providers may access service authorization information including status via KEPRO's Provider Portal at <http://dmas.kepro.com>.

"HELPLINE"

The "HELPLINE" is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on holidays. The "HELPLINE" numbers are:

1-804-786-6273	Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627	All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the "HELPLINE" is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.

TO ALL MEDICAID PROVIDERS: PROVIDER APPEAL REQUEST FORM NOW AVAILABLE

There is now a form available on the DMAS website to assist providers in filing an appeal with the DMAS Appeals Division. The link to the page is http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/appeal-home.aspx and the form can be accessed from there by clicking on, "Click here to download a Provider Appeal Request Form." The form is in PDF format and has fillable fields. It can either be filled out online and then printed or downloaded and saved to your business computer. It is designed to save you time and money by assisting you in supplying all of the necessary information to identify your area of concern and the basic facts associated with that concern. Once you complete the form, you can simply print it and attach any supporting documentation you wish, and send to the Appeals Division by means of the United States mail, courier or other hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, or electronic submission supported by the Agency.