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TO: ALL LOCAL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS) PROGRAM
AND GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP)
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, COUNTY MEDICAL STAFF,
AND SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION (SCD) STAFF

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF HUMIDIFIERS, VAPORIZERS, AND NEBULIZERS

The purpose of this information notice is to remind case managers that humidifiers, vaporizers, and nebulizers are considered durable medical equipment (DME) and not considered medical supply items.

Billing codes for durable medical equipment can be found in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual:

http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/duracd_a04a06a08p00.doc

Humidifiers, vaporizers, and nebulizers should not be authorized using code T5999, which is a miscellaneous medical supply code.

Claims review by the Medi-Cal Program has revealed that code T5999 has been authorized (by SARs) for these products. The billing system has been modified to prevent payment of these DME products using T5999. Please reissue approved SARs that have been approved with T5999.

If you have any questions, please contact Edan Lum, Pharm D., Pharmaceutical Consultant at (916) 327-2486 or (510) 286-0708, or via e-mail edan.lum@dhcs.ca.gov

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