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IHCP revises coverage policies for home health services

Effective May 1, 2017, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is revising its coverage policy for home health services to align with the *Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 440 Medicaid Program; Face-to-Face Requirements for Home Health Services; Policy Changes and Clarifications Related to Home Health*. The following policy changes apply to dates of service (DOS) on or after May 1, 2017:

- For IHCP coverage of home health services, documentation of a face-to-face encounter in accordance with *42 CFR 440.70(f)* is required. To initiate home health services, the face-to-face encounter must occur no more than 90 days before or 30 days after the start of services.
- For IHCP coverage of certain medical equipment and supplies as a home health service, documentation of a face-to-face encounter in accordance with *42 CFR 440.70(f)* is required. The face-to-face visit must occur and be recorded no more than six months before the start of services. This requirement applies to the following specified items:
 - (A) Decubitus care equipment
 - (B) Hospital beds and accessories
 - (C) Oxygen and related respiratory equipment
 - (D) Humidifiers, compressors, nebulizers
 - (E) Monitoring devices
 - (F) Patient lifts
 - (G) Compression devices
 - (H) Ultraviolet light devices
 - (I) Nerve stimulators and devices
 - (J) Infusion supplies
 - (K) Traction equipment
 - (L) Wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories
 - (M) Whirlpool equipment
 - (N) Speech generating devices



Definitions that apply to IHCP home health policy

The IHCP defines home health services based on the federal definition outlined in the *Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 440.70*. “Home health services” means services provided to Medicaid members in the member’s place of residence. A place of residence for home health services does not include a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID). Members may receive home health services in any

setting in which normal life activities take place, other than a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/IID, or any setting in which payment is or could be made under Medicaid for inpatient services that include room and board. Home health services cannot be limited to services furnished to members who are homebound.

The IHCP defines medical supplies as:

- Disposable items that are not reusable and must be replaced on a frequent basis
- Used primarily and customarily to serve a medical purpose
- Generally not useful to a person in the absence of a disability, illness, or injury
- Covered only for the treatment of a medical condition

Durable medical equipment (DME) refers to equipment that:

- Can withstand repeated use
- Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose
- Generally is not useful to a member in the absence of a disability, illness or injury



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