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Medicaid Continues Therapy Programs for Qualified Disabled Children

Pre-certification based on medical necessity

JACKSON, MS.- (February 7, 2006) – The Division of Medicaid announced today it will continue to provide medically necessary physical, occupational, and speech therapy services to disabled children who are pre-certified through HealthSystems of Mississippi (HSM). HSM is the Division’s Utilization Management and Quality Improvement Organization.

According to Medicaid Director, Robert L. Robinson, “The Division of Medicaid’s processes for enforcing medical necessity requirements have been strengthened; more detailed information is required for this review process.”

The Division has approved all criteria and processes used by HealthSystems of Mississippi and issued updated policies for ensuring that the therapy services are pre-certified on medical necessity and in accordance with standards of care. The Division’s Director said, “The professional staff at HSM appropriately screens and reviews cases on an individual basis based on documentation provided by the child’s physician and therapist or therapists.”

The Medicaid program, funded by federal and state dollars, pays for medical care for qualified individuals who can’t afford such care and who meet eligibility requirements set by law.

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