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TO: Homemaker Agencies - For Action
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only

SUBJECT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
Coverage of Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Services

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify homemaker agencies of a change in EPSDT coverage of PDN services provided outside the home.

BACKGROUND: Currently, EPSDT provides Medicaid coverage for EPSDT/PDN services to eligible individuals when provided in a beneficiary's home or at school. Medicaid does not currently cover PDN services provided outside the home or school.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to clarify Medicaid policy concerning EPSDT coverage of PDN services provided outside the home or school.

ACTION: **Effective immediately**, Medicaid beneficiaries who would otherwise be eligible for PDN services, pursuant to 42 CFR 440.80, that is, those who are eligible for EPSDT/PDN services in their place of residence, are eligible for EPSDT/PDN services rendered during those hours when the beneficiary's normal life activities take him or her outside the home. Only those EPSDT/PDN beneficiaries who require and are authorized to receive private duty nursing services in the home may utilize the approved hours outside the home during those hours when normal life activities take the beneficiary out of the home. Any other limitations imposed by the Division on private duty nursing services, including maximum hour limits, are not affected by this policy change.

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