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TO: Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities and Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Action**

SUBJECT: **eMEVS Reporting of Cost Share Amount Information**

EFFECTIVE: August 15, 2017

PURPOSE: To advise nursing facility and assisted living facility providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) about the availability of cost share information as part of an eMEVS transaction response.

BACKGROUND: The County Welfare Agency (CWA) calculates each Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) beneficiary's cost share amount through the Personal Responsibility (PR) Web Application System which is administered by Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) through the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS). The cost share amount calculations are made according to federal regulations at 42 CFR 435.725 and 425.726.

Providers of LTSS are familiar with the responsibility of CWAs to calculate a cost share amount for Medicaid beneficiaries receiving LTSS. This is the amount that a provider collects monthly from a Medicaid beneficiary to offset the cost of LTSS care. Fee-for-service (FFS) claims submitted by a LTSS provider are reduced by the cost share amount.

When a LTSS beneficiary is enrolled in managed care, the cost share amount continues to be collected monthly from the beneficiary by the provider. Managed Care Organization (MCO) payments to providers for LTSS are then reduced by the cost share amount. When the State reimburses managed care for the cost of LTSS, the cost share amount is withheld from the managed care payment.

When the cost share amount calculated by the CWA **for a managed care member** exceeds the Medicaid FFS payment amount for the cost of custodial care, the balance of the cost share amount (not used to cover the cost of care) is **returned to the MCO** by the LTSS provider. When the cost of custodial care is covered **by the FFS program**, the balance of the cost share amount (not used to cover the cost of care) is **returned to the State of New Jersey** by the LTSS provider.

The Medicaid LTSS beneficiary's cost share amount cannot exceed the amount paid by DMAHS for LTSS.

ACTION: Effective August 15, 2017, a Medicaid LTSS beneficiary's cost share amount will be reported as part of the eMEVS response on the NJMMIS website. Prior to this announcement, the eMEVS response included the available income and not the cost share amount.

At the time of eligibility determinations and annual eligibility renewals, the CWAs are required to create and send PR forms to LTSS providers and Medicaid LTSS beneficiaries or their representatives in order to notify them of their payment responsibilities.

Cost share payments begin with the first month that an individual receives LTSS regardless of whether they are a MCO member or not. Note that cost share amounts may temporarily be reduced to \$0 during periods when a beneficiary is making payments for pre-eligibility medical expenses. The CWA will temporarily update PR forms when these situations occur.

It is important to note that the CWA calculates cost share amounts for all Medicaid LTSS beneficiaries. The cost share amount reported in eMEVS is the amount that the MCO deducts from nursing facility or assisted living facility claims. CWA updates to cost share amounts may be applied retroactively due to an individual's change in circumstances. The MCO will adjust claim payments for LTSS based on these retroactive updates. LTSS providers should contact the CWA for any specific questions regarding cost share calculations.

If a cost share amount discrepancy results from a payment deduction that differs from the cost share amount displayed on eMEVS that cannot be resolved with the MCO, the LTSS provider should send an encrypted email to provider-inquiries@dhs.state.nj.us that must include the following information: the beneficiary ID number, the MCO member ID number, the type of service, the service period, the reported eMEVS cost share amount and the payment amount deducted by the MCO for LTSS.

If you have any questions concerning this Medicaid Alert, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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