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To: Private Duty Nursing Providers

From: Matt Wimmer, Administrator

Subject: Prior Authorization Changes for Private Duty Nursing Services

Effective June 1, 2020, prior authorizations (PAs) for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) will allow providers to use the same PA for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN) PDN services, as appropriate. The total number of hours billed must not exceed the total amount of nursing hours allocated on the assessment completed by the Department and the participant's Service Plan. This is true regardless of the combination of RN or LPN units. Billing in excess of the total amount of nursing hours on the participant's assessment or Service Plan may result in recoupment of funds and assessment of civil monetary penalties.

The purpose of issuing PDN PAs in this manner is to allow provider flexibility to fulfill a participant's service hours according to available agency staff. This change will eliminate the need for agencies to request a new PA each time a staffing change occurs.

Providers of PDN and participants receiving these services will receive two Notices of Decision prior to June 1, 2020: the first indicating that existing PAs will be closed effective May 31, 2020 because a new Notice of Decision will be issued; and a second with the new PA effective June 1, 2020.

If you have questions about this change, please contact Susie Choules, Program Manager for the Bureau of Long Term Care at (208) 334-0727 or email Susie.Choules@dhw.idaho.gov.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

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