TO: Hospice Agency Administrators
    DMS/DME Providers
    Managed Care Organizations
    Oxygen/Related Respiratory Equipment Providers
    REM Case Managers

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
      Office of Health Services

RE: Concurrent Care for Children Applicable to the Provision of DMS, DME, and Oxygen

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

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Under the provisions of Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid participants under age 21 for whom hospice care is elected are entitled to services that are curative or life-prolonging as well as to palliative treatment. Services that are curative, life-prolonging, or otherwise not directly related to palliation of the terminal condition are payable directly to the service provider, and are not part of the Hospice benefit. This transmittal specifically discusses how providers may seek reimbursement for medical supplies, adaptive and other medical equipment, and oxygen/respiratory equipment that are not directly connected to palliation of the terminal condition.

Supplies and equipment include, but are not limited to:

- Incontinence supplies
- Enteral/parenteral feeding equipment and supplies
- Suctioning supplies and equipment
- Tracheostomy equipment and supplies
- Ventilators and other respiratory equipment
- Specialized wheelchairs and accessories
- Apnea monitors
- Orthotics and prostheses

If the hospice patient is enrolled in a HealthChoice Managed Care Organization, please contact the MCO directly for rules regarding prepayment authorization. Contact information can be found at: https://mnemp.health.maryland.gov/healthchoice/Documents/HealthChoice_Provider_Brochure_FINAL_7.21.15.pdf
If the hospice patient is in the fee-for-service Program, the following equipment and supplies require prepayment authorization:

(1) Disposable medical supplies with a charge exceeding $500, except for supplies used for home kidney dialysis and enteral and parenteral supplies not exceeding one unit per day;

(2) Incontinency pants in amounts exceeding the following for any 30-day period:

A. Age 16 and older – $180
B. Age 3 through 15 years – $240
C. Under age 3 – any amount

(3) Disposable underpads in amounts exceeding the following for any 30-day period:

A. Age 16 and older – $100
B. Age 3 through 15 years – $135
C. Under age 3 – any amount

(4) Durable medical equipment with a purchase price of $1,000 or more except for equipment for home kidney dialysis, prosthetic devices, or orthotic equipment; and

(5) Any rental of equipment after three months of rental;

(6) All repairs to purchased durable medical equipment exceeding $500;

(7) Medical equipment listed on the Approved List of Items as individual consideration (I/C);

(8) Medical equipment and supplies not listed on the approved list of items; and

(9) The following oxygen/respiratory equipment:

A. Nasal continuous positive pressure (NCPAP) system;
B. Custom made tracheostomy tubes; and
C. Intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) machine.

The Approved List of Items referenced above may be found at https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/communitysupport/Pages/approvedlist.aspx.

Any questions specific to hospice billing in the fee-for-service Program may be directed to Leslie Jackson, Hospice Coordinator, at (410) 767-1714 or at leslie.jackson@maryland.gov. Questions regarding billing or prepayment authorization of medical equipment, supplies, and oxygen/related respiratory equipment may be directed to the DMS/DME Program at (410) 767-7283 or dhmh.dcss@maryland.gov.