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Payment Cycle Schedule Changes for Holidays

Effective the weeks of December 22, 2019 and December 29, 2019, the Alaska Medicaid payment cycle cutoff will temporarily switch from Monday to Sunday to allow EFT deposits to be made in advance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The cutoff for submitting claims in order to receive reimbursement the following week will move from noon Monday, December 23 to noon Sunday, December 22, and from noon Monday, December 30 to noon Sunday, December 29. EFT payments will be deposited by 2:00 p.m. AKST Friday, December 27 and Friday, January 3. Paper Remittance Advice will be mailed out as usual. Claim cycles will return to Monday cutoffs on January 6, 2020.

Questions? Please contact Provider Inquiry at 907.644.6800, option 1, 1, or toll-free in Alaska at 800.770.5650, option 1, 1, 1.

How to Subscribe to Alaska Medicaid Regulations Notices

The Department of Health and Social Services encourages Medicaid-enrolled providers to stay apprised of State of Alaska public notices regarding Medicaid covered services and reimbursement rates, public meetings, and other topics that affect providers. Alaska Medicaid has published instructions for subscribing to email notifications from the State of Alaska, including the Department of Health and Social Services. You can subscribe to specific topics (adopted regulations, agency meetings, etc.) or all notices sent from DHSS. The instruction document titled How to Subscribe to Receive Public Notices is available on the [Provider Reference](#) page.

Holiday Closures

The State of Alaska and Conduent offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25, 2019 in observance of Christmas Day and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day. The State of Alaska offices will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Pharmacy Program Updates – November 2019

The Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy Program November 2019 Update is now available at <http://manuals.medicidalaska.com/docs/updates.htm>. In this update you will find information about pharmacy changes resulting from the work of the Alaska Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Committee, including:

- New specific clinical prior authorization criteria effective 01/06/2020.
- Updates to existing prior authorization criteria effective 01/06/2020.
- New Medications have been added to the Interim Prior Authorization list updated 11/15/2019.
- New ICD-10 prior authorization bypass functionality for select drugs and drug classes effective 01/06/2020

Effective 1/1/2020, Temporary Code S8120 for O2 Gas Contents No Longer Covered

Effective January 1, 2020, Alaska Medicaid will no longer cover temporary HCPCS code S8120, *Oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 unit equals 1 cubic foot*.

Alaska Medicaid will continue coverage of oxygen contents using the permanent monthly HCPCS codes E0441, E0442, E0443, and E0444 as appropriate. Service authorization is still required for all oxygen content requests. Oxygen contents, portable or stationary, are not covered concurrently with all-inclusive stationary oxygen system rentals, oxygen concentrator rentals, or portable oxygen compressor rentals (E0424, E0433, E0439, E1390, E1391, E1392, and K0738).

Proposed Regulations: Medicaid Behavioral Health Marital & Family Therapy Services

On November 7, 2019, the Department of Health and Social Services issued a public notice announcing proposed changes to Medicaid behavioral health marital & family therapy services regulations. The public comment period ends on December 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. AKT. The [proposed regulations](#) are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](#).

Proposed Regulations: Medicaid Cost-of-Care and Third-Level Review

On November 5, 2019, the Department of Health and Social Services issued a public notice announcing proposed changes to Medicaid cost-of-care and third-level review regulations. The public comment period ends on December 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. AKT. The [proposed regulations](#) are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](#).

Proposed Regulations: Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List and Prior Authorization List

On November 22, 2019, the Department of Health and Social Services issued a public notice announcing proposed changes to the Alaska Medicaid preferred drug list and prior authorization medication list. The public comment period ends on January 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. AKT. The [proposed regulations](#) are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](#).



Public Hearing: Medicaid Behavioral Health Marital & Family Therapy Services

A public hearing regarding proposed changes to Medicaid behavioral health marital & family therapy services regulations will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. AKT on December 12, 2019 at the Frontier Building, Room 890, 3601 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, at which time oral and written comments will be accepted. The [public hearing notice](#), [notice of proposed regulations](#), and additional information are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](#).

Updated Certificate of Medical Necessity – Incontinence Form Effective 11/15/2019

Effective November 15, 2019, the updated Certificate of Medical Necessity – Incontinence (CMN – Incontinence) form must be used for all service authorization (SA) requests for incontinence supplies. SA requests for incontinence supplies submitted on any previous version of the CMN – Incontinence form will not be accepted. The CMN – Incontinence form has been updated to include larger fields for diagnosis and medical justification information and a reorganized supplies request section. Instructions on how to complete the form are located on page four and five of the form. The form is available on the [Conduent Forms](#) page.

Procedure Code A4927 No Longer Requires SA Effective 12/01/2019

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2019, a service authorization (SA) will no longer be required to dispense A4927, Non-sterile gloves. Additional billing guidance will be available in the Durable Medical Equipment Billing Manual.

Medicaid Regulations Filed: Cost Containment

Emergency Medicaid prospective payment system cost containment regulations were filed by the Lieutenant Governor and are now permanent. The signed regulations are available at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=195658>, <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=195659>, and <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=195583>.

Medicaid Regulations Filed: Medicaid Mental Health Physician Clinic Services

New Medicaid mental health physician clinic services regulations were adopted by the Department of Health and Social Services, filed by the Lieutenant Governor, and are effective November 10, 2019. The [signed regulations](#) are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](#).

Medicaid Regulations Filed: Behavioral Health, 1115 Waiver, and Substance Use Disorder Waiver Services

New Medicaid behavioral health, 1115 Waiver, and substance use disorder services regulations were adopted by the Department of Health and Social Services, filed by the Lieutenant Governor, and are effective November 10, 2019 (previously effective July 1, 2019 by emergency regulation). The [signed regulations](#) are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](#).

Provider Training Dates

In December, training is scheduled in Anchorage and via Instructor-led Webinar.

December	
Anchorage	December 10 — 12
Webinar	December 17 — 19

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Alaska Medicaid training courses will guide you and your staff in understanding and billing for services reimbursed by Alaska Medicaid and Denali KidCare. Included are introductory courses such as Member Eligibility, Adjustments and Voids, Claims Management, and Service Authorizations. Register online through the Alaska Medicaid Learning Portal.

