

Up-to-Date with Alaska Medicaid

A Monthly Newsletter for Alaska Medicaid Providers

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Alaska Medicaid COVID-19 Response

In response to the national public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has issued health mandates and implemented temporary policy changes to the Alaska Medicaid Program. For frequent updates on DHSS' response to COVID-19, refer to the [Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise home page](#).

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.

Proposed Regulations: Level-of-Care Determination for CFC, HCBW, and ICF/IID Services

New [Level of Care Determinations for Community First Choice \(CFC\), Home & Community-Based Waiver \(HCBW\), and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities \(ICF/IID\) Services](#) regulations were proposed on 12/08/2021.

Supplemental Notice: Proposed Dental Regulations

A [supplemental notice](#) concerning proposed dental regulations was published on 12/22/2021.

Proposed Regulations: Medicaid Waiver Services

New [Medicaid Waiver Services COVID-19 Flexibilities Made Permanent](#) regulations were proposed on 12/08/2021.

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Non-Emergent Transportation Provider Attestations Now Available

Non-Emergent Transportation provider attestation forms are now available on the [Provider Enrollment Forms](#) page. By December 27, 2021, ground transportation providers and drivers were required to complete and submit attestations for the organization and all drivers participating in the AK Medicaid program for their enrollment to remain active. Training materials for this process are available on our [training page](#).

Reminder: Care Management Program (CMP) Eligibility Verification Required

Reminder: Alaska Medicaid providers should verify member eligibility prior to rendering services to validate participation in the Care Management Program (CMP). If an Alaska Medicaid CMP participant presents to your office and they are assigned to a different primary care provider, you must have a referral from that provider, or your claim will be denied. Review the [Alaska Medicaid Policy Reminder: Care Management Program Update – December 2021](#) for eligibility verification methods and additional information. Questions? Contact Provider Inquiry at 907-644-8126.

Holiday Closures

The State of Alaska and Conduent offices will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. The State of Alaska offices will be closed Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents' Day

Non-Emergent Transportation Provider Update

Ground transportation providers and drivers needed to complete and submit additional information for their AK Medicaid enrollment to remain active by December 27, 2021.

Orthodontic Code Updates

Effective 01/01/2022, Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment codes (D8050 & D8060) will no longer be valid. Providers that have a valid, unused service authorization need to contact Conduent Dental SA staff (**907-644-6800 option 1**) for assistance in updating their authorizations. Revised Statement of Coverage is available [here](#).

Will You Open Your Home to a Child in Your Community?

Throughout Alaska, foster parents are needed for children with complex medical challenges. Will you make the difference for one child?

Training and support services are available to guide you through the process of becoming licensed and how to care for children who are experiencing medical challenges such as

- Allergies
- Respiratory Illnesses
- Mobility Restrictions
- Developmental and Speech Delays

Find out how to become a licensed foster parent by calling 800.478.7307 or acrf@nwresource.org.

Pharmacy Program Updates – 2021 November

The Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy Program November 2021 Updates is now available at:

<http://manuals.medicaidalaska.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 1/4/2022.
- New Medications have been added to the Interim Prior Authorization list updated 11/19/2021.
- New preferred drug list updates will become effective on or after 1/4/22.
- Effective on or after 1/4/22, prior authorization will be removed for the preferred Direct Acting Antiviral Hepatitis C drug(s).

Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) threshold will be reduced to 100 MME on 6/1/2022.

Provider Training Dates

In January and February, all training is scheduled via Instructor-led Webinar.

January

Webinar	January 14 — 16
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February

Webinar	February 4 — 6
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Webinar	February 18 — 20
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Register Today!

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](#).