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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.

DHSS Reorganization

The Department of Health and Social Services reorganization will become effective July 1, 2022. Details are available at [DHSS Reorganization: Message to Stakeholders](#).

Reorganization of the Department of Health & Social Services: Public Comments Due 05/31/2022

The Department of Health and Social Services will seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the Medicaid State Plan to reflect the upcoming reorganization of the department. Public comments are welcome, and are due by 5:00 p.m., May 31, 2022. The proposed amendment is available at [Public Notice – DHSS Reorganization](#).

Regulations Filed: Medicaid Autism Services

[Medicaid Coverage and Payment Rates for Autism Services](#) regulations are effective 05/25/2022.

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Updated CDC Guidance for Blood Lead Screening

On October 28, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the blood lead reference value (BLRV) from 5 micrograms/deciliter to 3.5 micrograms/deciliter. Given that no safe blood lead level (BLL) has been established, earlier recognition of lead exposure enables providers and families to intervene by mitigating exposure that might otherwise result in higher blood lead concentrations. BLL testing is required for Medicaid recipients at 12 and 24 months of age as well as any Medicaid recipients under 6 years of age who have not been previously tested. All BLL tests must be reported to the Department of Public Health, Section of Epidemiology per 7 AAC 27.014. Follow-up investigations are conducted for all children with a BLL of 3.5 micrograms/deciliter or higher.

For more information please visit [CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Webpage](#).

Pharmacy Program Updates – April 2022

The Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy Program April 2022 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 6/1/2022.
- New Medications have been added to the Interim Prior Authorization list updated 4/15/2022.
- New preferred drug list updates will become effective on or after 6/1/22.
- Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) threshold will be reduced to 100 MME on or after 6/1/2022.
- Reminder ICD-10 diagnosis codes are required on opioid prescriptions.

Updated Vision Fee Schedule Now Available

An updated version of the Vision Fee Schedule is now available on the [Alaska Medicaid Fee Schedules and Covered Codes Webpage](#). Updates include coverage of procedure codes 11900, 11901, 65855, V2511, V2512, V2530, and V2531.

Provider Self-Audits Due December 31, 2022

Effective June 7, 2018, the Department of Health and Social Services requires all Medicaid providers to conduct a self-audit once every two years. The next self-audit cycle will cover either calendar year 2019 or 2020 and is due no later than December 31, 2022. For additional information, please see the [Medicaid Program Integrity](#) website or email QAPIProgramIntegrity@alaska.gov.

Alaska Medicaid Compliance Notice: Home Health Services Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

Alaska Medicaid has issued a compliance notice regarding upcoming home health electronic visit verification requirements. For additional information, please see the Alaska Medicaid compliance notice on the [Provider Updates](#) page.

Holiday Closures

The State of Alaska and Conduent offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day.

Provider Training Dates

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

May	
Webinar	May 3 — 5
Webinar	May 17 — 19
June	
Webinar	June 7 — 9
Webinar	June 21 — 23

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](#).