Omnibus Medicaid Coverage and Payment Regulations
7 AAC 105 – 7 AAC 160

Finding your way around
Objectives . . .

• Create room for growth
• Reorganize for logic and readability
• Accurately reflect *current* policy
• Separate *coverage policy* from *payment rates*
• Simplify future regulation projects
Mission Accomplished

7 AAC 100. Medicaid Eligibility
- New comprehensive regulations
- Effective July 20, 2007

7 AAC 105 – 160. Medicaid Coverage and Payment
- Total reorganization and rewrite
- Repeals 7 AAC 43 entirely
  - ...except for mental health clinic and substance abuse rehabilitation services (coming soon)
- Effective February 1, 2010
Coverage vs. Payment

Coverage regulations are separated from payment regulations in order to

• More clearly write coverage policy sections
• Present payment rates in context with the methodology used to determine those rates

The result is a basic organization that looks like this . . .
New Structure

General provisions that apply to all provider types and services are placed at the beginning and the end.

General Provider Requirements

General Provisions
Specific coverage policy for each type of provider or category of service comes next.

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General Provisions
New Structure

Next comes payment methodology and payment rates, including the prospective payment system used to determine facility payment rates.

- General Provider Requirements
- Specific Coverage Policy
- Payment Methodology and Rates
- General Provisions
New Structure

Only two sections in Chapter 155 address tribal health providers, but eventually this chapter will include comprehensive Medicaid tribal health program regulations.

- General Provider Requirements
- Specific Coverage Policy
- Payment Methodology and Rates
- Tribal Health Programs
- General Provisions
Putting the Pieces Together

7 AAC ...

105. Scope, Provider Enrollment and Responsibilities
110. Coverage of Professional Services
   (Chiropractors, Dental, Physicians, EPSDT, Vision, etc.)
115. Coverage of Therapies
   (OT, PT, SLP, Hearing, and School-Based)
120. Coverage of Drugs, Medical Supplies, DME, Transportation
125. Coverage of Personal Care and Home Health
130. Coverage of Home and Community-Based Waiver Services
135. Coverage of Behavioral Health (coming soon)
140. Coverage of Facilities
145. Payment Methodology and Rates
150. Prospective Payment System
155. *Tribal Health Programs (coming soon)*
160. General Provisions
Other Features

• Another significant change is the way adoptions by reference are handled. Now, nearly all adoptions by reference are made in one regulation section, 7 AAC 160.900. This will allow updates to be made more timely and efficiently.

• A Crosswalk has been developed to assist with the transition from old to new versions of the regulations. Click here to view the Crosswalk.
Effective February 1, 2010

- 7 AAC 43 is almost entirely repealed
- New Medicaid coverage and payment regulations in 7 AAC 102 – 7 AAC 160 will take over.

The Medicaid portion of the new integrated behavioral health regulations are coming soon to 7 AAC 135.

Look for future development of Medicaid tribal health program regulations in 7 AAC 155.
Clean-up

• Every effort has been made to keep these regulations as complete and accurate as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Susan Dunkin at

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What's Next

After the integrated behavioral health regulations are done, I think I am going to tackle WORLD PEACE.

It shouldn't take as long.

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