



State COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Flexibilities Phase-Out

Department of Health and Social Services Contemporaneous Documentation Flexibilities Expire

New Medical Record Documentation

Effective August 15, 2021, providers must resume **new** medical record documentation within 14 days of the date of service. Failure to complete documentation within prescribed timeframes may result in audit findings and/or the disallowance of payment for services in which records were not kept contemporaneously.

Existing Delayed Medical Record Documentation

Effective November 1, 2021, providers must complete all medical record documentation that was postponed during the state COVID-19 disaster declaration. Failure to complete documentation within prescribed timeframes may result in audit findings and/or the disallowance of payment for services in which records were not kept contemporaneously.

Questions?

Contact Medicaid Program Integrity at QAPIProgamintegrity@alaska.gov.

History

To allow providers and staff to focus on patient care and to reduce administrative burdens as patient loads increased due to COVID-19, the Department of Health and Social Services suspended 7 AAC 105.230(d)(7), the 14-day contemporaneous documentation/recordkeeping requirement. With the expiration of the state disaster declaration, this regulatory suspension also expires.