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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Emergency Room Behavioral Health Hold Coverage Max 120 Hours Effective 9/1/18**

Issue Date: 10/30/2018

Run Length: 8 weeks

Provider Type(s): 001

Message: Effective September 1, 2018, Alaska Medicaid will reimburse observation bed services for Behavioral Health holds for a maximum of 120 consecutive hours per episode. If the submitted claim exceeds 120 consecutive hours on a single line, the claim line will be cut back to 120 hours. If the maximum 120 hours are reimbursed and additional hours are billed on a new line or claim for the same episode, the new line or claim will be denied. Additional guidance will be provided regarding sustainability and end dates.

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