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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Discontinuation of Emergency Room Behavioral Health Extended Bed Hold Coverage**

Issue Date: 10/19/2019

Run Length: 8 weeks

Provider Type(s): 001

Message: Effective November 1, 2019, Alaska Medicaid's temporary expanded coverage for behavioral health observation bed services will end. As a result, Medicaid reimbursement for all observation services, including behavioral health, will be limited to 24 consecutive hours.

For dates on and after November 1, 2019, claims submitted for more than 24 hours will be reduced to the 24 hour limit.

Questions? Please contact Sherri LaRue at sherri.larue@alaska.gov.

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