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Dear Therapy Services Provider:

Florida Medicaid is developing a utilization management program for therapy services as mandated by the Florida Legislature in Section 409.912 (42), Florida Statutes. The purpose of this program will be to ensure recipients receive appropriate care in line with the standards set forth in the Florida Medicaid Therapy Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook. We intend to start this program in October 2010 to pave the way for prior authorization of therapy services, which we expect to implement in 2011.

The utilization management program will not incorporate capitated payments or a prepaid program. Instead, this program will utilize a retrospective records review of a small claims sample. The review will be performed by a contracted therapist in the discipline corresponding to the type of therapy provided.

Training opportunities will be provided prior to launching the program. The training date and locations will be sent via a provider alert when details become available and will also be listed on the Medicaid Child Health Services Therapy Services Web page at:
<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/childhealthservices/therapyserv>.

If you have questions, please call your Florida Medicaid Local Area Office or contact John Loar of my staff at (850) 412-4003.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medicaid Field Office Managers, Areas 1-11

