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June 2, 2006

Dear Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Provider:

Please note that the Medicaid Home Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook (10/03) section 2-17 states that "All private duty nursing and personal care services must be prior authorized prior to the delivery of services." This policy remains constant and has not changed since the implementation of the private duty nursing and personal care program. However, a program change occurred August 15, 2005, which changed the authorization process. All authorization requests must now go through the Agency's Peer Review Organization (KEPRO) rather than the Area Office Service Authorization Nurse for review and prior authorization.

In an effort to allow for the transitioning of the authorization process, the Agency has allowed for the review of retrospective cases. These are situations where services have already been provided prior to receipt of approval. The private duty nursing and personal care program is a prior authorization program and not a retrospective review program. Now that the authorization process has been underway for several months and ample training and time have been allowed for the transition, effective June 30, 2006, the Agency will no longer accept retrospective cases for review. If you have already submitted a case it will be reviewed until this date.

We appreciate the services that you provide to Florida's Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely,

Beth Kidder, Chief
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