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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THIS LETTER CONTAINS A REVISED PROGRAM EFFECTIVE DATE\*\***

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Dear Medicaid Services Provider:

The 2004 Florida Legislature directed the Agency for Health Care Administration to create a Hospitalist program in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties in certain hospitals that serve Medicaid patients.

**The Medicaid hospitalist will:**

- A. Assume responsibility for treatment of Medicaid recipients upon admission to the hospital and coordinate with recipients' primary care physicians (PCP) to ensure continuity of care.
- B. Prepare a discharge summary on the day of discharge and arrange to have it forwarded to the recipient's PCP.
- C. Contact the PCP regarding continuity of care no later than the day of discharge via telephone or facsimile.

**Recipient Eligibility for Hospitalist Program Coverage**

Service Categories Covered by Hospitalist Program:

The Hospitalist program will cover all admissions, including emergent and urgent, necessary to provide medical services for Medicaid fee-for-service, MediPass, and Minority Physician Network recipients for either inpatient or observation services.

Eligibility and Service Categories Not Covered by the Hospitalist Program:

The Hospitalist program will exclude the following eligibility categories from coverage:

- 1) Medicare dually eligible recipients
- 2) Medically Needy Medicaid recipients
- 3) Self Pay/Unassigned patients

The Hospitalist program will exclude the following service categories from coverage:

- 1) Obstetrics ICD-9-CM codes 630-677;
- 2) Pediatrics (all children under the age of 21);
- 3) Behavioral health ICD-9-CM codes 290-319;
- 4) Burns ICD-9-CM codes 940-949.5;
- 5) Heart and liver transplants, heart procedure code 37.51;
- 6) Liver procedure code, 50.51 and 50.59;
- 7) Elective surgical services up to intra-operative and or post-operative complications at which point the Medicaid Hospitalist would be utilized for medical management and all further consultations;
- 8) All HMO and PSN admissions;
- 9) Medically-Needy recipients;
- 10) Medicaid pending eligibles or unassigned or self-pay patients; and
- 11) Family planning services.

**The PCP may not bill inpatient services for MediPass and Medicaid fee-for-service recipients for the following procedure codes that are covered under the Hospitalist program unless serving one of the population or service categories excluded from the Hospitalist program: 99218; 99219; 99220; 99221; 99222; 99223; 99231; 99232; 99233; 99234; 99235; 99236; 99238, and 99239.**

The Agency has contracted with Florida Hospital Medicine Services, Inc. (FHMS), Hospitalists of America (HOA), and Inpatient Clinical Solutions (ICS) to provide hospitalist services in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

The lists of hospitals included in the Hospitalist program are as follows:

Hospital	County	Hospitalist Company
<b>Coral Gables Hospital, LTD.</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Hospitalists of America, Inc. (888) 313-2150</b>
<b>Tenet Hialeah Health Systems, Inc</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Hospitalists of America, Inc. (888) 313-2150</b>
<b>Tenet Health Systems, North Shore, Inc</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Hospitalists of America, Inc. (888) 313-2150</b>
<b>Palm Springs General Hospital</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Florida Hospital Medicine Services, Inc. (866) 236-0022</b>
<b>Cedars Healthcare Group, LTD</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Florida Hospital Medicine Services, Inc. (866) 236-0022</b>
<b>Parkway Regional Medical Center</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Inpatient Clinical Solutions, Inc. (888) 863-0717</b>
<b>Palmetto General Hospital</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Inpatient Clinical Solutions, Inc. (888) 863-0717</b>
<b>Mercy Hospital, Inc.</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Inpatient Clinical Solutions, Inc. (888) 863-0717</b>
<b>Pan American Hospital Corp.</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Hospitalists of America, Inc. (888) 313-2150</b>
<b>Aventura Hospital &amp; Medical Center</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Inpatient Clinical Solutions, Inc (888) 863-0717</b>
<b>Kendall Medical Center</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Florida Hospital Medicine Services, Inc. (866) 236-0022</b>
<b>Baptist Hospital of Miami</b>	<b>Miami-Dade</b>	<b>Florida Hospital Medicine Services, Inc. (866) 236-0022</b>
<b>Tenet St. Mary's, Inc.</b>	<b>Palm Beach</b>	<b>Hospitalists of America, Inc. (888) 313-2150</b>
<b>Bethesda Healthcare System</b>	<b>Palm Beach</b>	<b>Inpatient Clinical Solutions, Inc. (888) 863-0717</b>
<b>Columbia JFK Medical CTR,LP</b>	<b>Palm Beach</b>	<b>Florida Hospital Medicine Services, Inc. (866) 236-0022</b>

The Hospitalist program will begin **May 1, 2007**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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