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RE: Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology – Authorizations

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) revised its Community Long-Term Care (CLTC) Provider Manual, effective 1 August 2011. Included in Section 2 of that manual are new policies, specifications and rates for incontinence supplies reimbursed through CLTC and DDSN waivers. Some products' procedure codes which were not previously open for use with DDSN's waivers have now been opened up for use with all of the waivers.

As a result of these changes, the authorization forms for Assistive Technology under the ID/RD and CS Waivers have been revised. For each waiver, there is now a separate authorization form for incontinence supplies (CS Form AT-5A; IDRD Form A-5-IS). These forms are now available on Business Tools, and corresponding revisions to the narrative portion of the waiver manual chapters will be forthcoming. Please refer to the CLTC Provider Manual for incontinence supply rates when budgeting.

Please note that all covered incontinence supplies and their respective procedure codes are included on the new authorization forms. Incontinence supplies delivered on or after 1 October 2011 are not to be authorized/billed under the following codes: X1915, X1916, T2028, T2029.

To avoid any problems, we strongly recommend that all current authorizations that include incontinence supplies be re-issued as soon as possible using the new forms. If a provider is currently authorized to provide both incontinence supplies and other ongoing medical supplies, then the SC/EI will be required to complete both the new incontinence supply authorization (CS Form AT-5A; IDRD Form A-5-IS) as well as the revised medical supply form (CS Form AT-5 or AT-33; IDRD Form A-5).

Please direct any questions you may have to your District Waiver Coordinator.

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