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To: New Mexico Home Health Provider Agencies

From: New Mexico Centennial Care Managed Care Organizations

Re: *GO-LIVE UPDATE* - Electronic Visit Verification Implementation for Home Health Care Services (HHCS)

New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) has received approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the Good Faith Effort extension request for the implementation of EVV for Home Health Care services. The official go-live date is **January 1, 2024**.

Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act mandates that all states implement an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system for Home Health Care Services. The Cures Act requires EVV systems to monitor the delivery and utilization of personal care and Home Health Services in non-traditional settings and provide verification of:

- Type of service performed
- Individual receiving the service
- Date of the service
- Location of the service delivery
- Individual providing the service
- Time the service begins and ends

New Mexico Home Health Care agencies will be required to begin using the current approved state mandated external EVV vendor system on **January 1, 2024** for the following nine Home Health procedure codes:

- G0300 - Skilled Nursing LPN
- G0299 - Skilled Nursing RN
- G0156 - Home Health Aide
- G0155 - Social Worker Visit
- G0153 - Speech Language Therapy Visit
- G0151 - Physical Therapy Visit
- G0157 - Physical Therapy Assistant
- G0152 - Occupational Therapy Visit
- G0158 - Occupational Therapy Assistant

IMPORTANT REMINDER

A Prior Authorization (PA) is required by each MCO in order to authorize the above services and be in compliance with the 21st Century Cures Act. Attending Provider Information is required on the PA.

Attending Provider information (i.e., First Name, Last Name and NPI Number) is the individual who has responsibility for the patient’s medical care and treatment.

Training Update: The Authenticare home health specific provider trainings will be conducted in November and December 2023. A detailed schedule and sign-up information will be distributed as soon as it is finalized.

Curious about Stipend funding for clinicians who use their own devices? More information to come!

Need more information? Please reach out to the contacts listed below from any of the MCOs with whom you are contracted.

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