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(See Web Announcement 333 for clarification of the limitations.)

Web Announcement 320

Attention All Providers:

DHCFP Announces Policy Changes for Incontinent Products

Due to the continuing State of Nevada budget revenue shortfall, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is required to make certain policy and coverage changes to the Nevada Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Disposable Medical Supplies (DMEPOS) program.

Effective with dates of service on or after **March 9, 2010**, quantity limits have been reduced for disposable incontinent products. These changes can be found on the attached <u>Limit Changes</u> document. These products may be covered for individuals with urinary or bowel incontinence when additional qualifications specified in <u>Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1300</u> are met.

Use of multiple types of briefs, diapers, pull-ons or protective underwear in any combination cannot exceed the maximum limit per month, unless approved through prior authorization (PA). In addition, liners, shields, guards, pads or underpads in any combination cannot exceed the maximum limit of 100 units per month, unless approved through a PA. Supportive medical documentation will be required to justify the medical necessity for quantities exceeding these limits.

A PA is required for all individuals under 4 years of age, or for any bariatric-size product (code T4543), or when quantity limits need to be exceeded.

Code A4554 (disposable underpads, all sizes) is no longer reimbursed. Providers must use codes T4541 (large-sized underpads) or T4542 (small-sized underpads).

The following products are non-covered:

- products used for menses. underpads used in conjunction with tube feedings or other procedures not related to incontinence.
- disposable gloves, wipes or washcloths used for incontinence care.

Please refer to the revised policies in <u>MSM Chapter 1300</u>, Appendix B – Disposable Incontinent Supplies for detailed information regarding recipient qualifications and provider documentation requirements. The <u>DMEPOS Fee Schedule</u> will be revised at a later date to reflect these changes.

