Effective with dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2010, provider type 63, Residential Treatment Center (RTC), must notify Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. of therapeutic home passes at least 14 days prior to the pass being issued to the recipient and use revenue code 0183 to bill for therapeutic home passes.

A physician’s order is required for all therapeutic home passes and the following guidelines apply to the passes:

- They must be used to facilitate a recipient’s discharge back to their home or less restrictive setting.
- They must only occur within 90 days of the recipient’s planned discharge.
- They must occur in coordination with the recipient’s discharge plan.

Before a therapeutic home pass is approved by the RTC, the recipient must have first demonstrated a series of successful incremental day passes and be in the final phase of treatment in the RTC program.

Up to three passes are allowed per calendar year per recipient and the duration per pass must not be greater than 72 hours. Prior authorization from Magellan Medicaid Administration is required for more than three passes per calendar year or a pass longer than 72 hours. For further details, see the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400, Section 403.8A.6, RTC Therapeutic Home Passes and the Provider Type 63 Billing Guide.

Providers must use the new RTC Therapeutic Home Pass Form (FA-13A) to notify Magellan Medicaid Administration of a recipient’s 72-hour or less therapeutic home pass at least 14 days prior to the pass being issued to the recipient; to request prior authorization for a therapeutic home pass longer than 72 hours; and to request more than three passes in a calendar year for one recipient.

A special training via telephone conference call has been scheduled specifically for RTC provider type 63 regarding the use of form FA-13A, notification and prior authorization requirements, and claim submission. The training will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010. If you are an RTC provider type 63 and would like to participate, please register by sending an email to KAMcGrath@magellanhealth.com. In your email, please include the name and NPI of each person attending and put “RTC Training” in the subject field. The conference call telephone number and meeting materials will be provided upon registration.