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To: Hospice Providers

In an effort to support the coordination of care between a recipient's hospice provider and pharmacy provider, the Alabama Medicaid Agency has developed a Hospice Palliative Drug List (HPDL). The HPDL shall be used as a guide for drugs that may be associated with the patient's terminal illness.

1. Reimbursement for disease specific drugs related to the recipient's terminal illness is included in the per diem for hospice covered services. These drugs will not be reimbursed through the Medicaid Pharmacy Program.
2. Reimbursement for drugs not related to the recipient's terminal illness may be made to dispensing pharmacy through the Medicaid Pharmacy Program. These drugs will not be reimbursed through the per diem for hospice covered services.
3. Retrospective audits of the hospice and pharmacy providers will be conducted to ensure appropriate billing has occurred.

Policy questions related to HPDL should be directed to Hospice Services at (334) 242-5018.

For information related to HPDL go to:

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/Program-LTC/3D-2c_14_Hospice-Palliative_Care_Drug_List-6-18-07.pdf

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