

### **Attention DME Providers**

Effective October 1, 2009, all Medicare DME providers are required to have Medicare certification and meet the Medicare Surety Bond requirement as of October 2, 2009. Alabama Medicaid Agency providers must comply with Medicare rules and Regulations in order to become a Medicaid provider or continue enrollment in the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program. Medicare DME providers are required to have a \$50,000 Surety Bond. Failure of Medicare DME providers to comply with these requirements will result in their termination from the Alabama Medicaid Program.

All Medicaid DME providers must submit copies of their Medicare Accreditation and their Medicare Surety Bonds by October 31, 2009, to the Alabama Medicaid Agency at the following address:

Alabama Medicaid Agency  
Long Term Care Policy Advisory Unit  
Attention: Dodie Teel  
501 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104-3744

Effective October 1, 2010, all Alabama DME providers will be required to acquire a \$50,000 Medicaid Surety Bond for each of their DME store locations.

Prior authorization requests for wheelchairs received with Julian date July 1, 2009, and thereafter, will no longer require providers to submit signed delivery tickets for wheelchairs to Alabama Medicaid before the prior authorization (PA) request is placed in an approved status in the Alabama Medicaid Interchange PA System. However, a signed delivery ticket must be in the recipient's record for auditing purposes. If a recipient's record is audited and there is no signed delivery ticket showing proof of delivery of the wheelchair, Alabama Medicaid will recoup all monies paid for the wheelchair.

Effective September 1, 2009, procedure code (A7526) tracheostomy tube collar/holder quantity restrictions have changed from four (4) per month to one (1) a day.

If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact Ida Gray at 334-353-4753.