

Updated information from the Medicaid DME Program

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 and other DME items received with Julian date July 1, 2009, and thereafter, will no longer require providers to submit signed delivery tickets for wheelchairs and other DME items 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 and other DME items, Alabama Medicaid will recoup all monies paid for the wheelchair and other DME items.

If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact Ida Gray at 334-353-4753 or Robin Arrington at 334-353-4754.