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To: Hospital and Independent Providers of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology Services

From: Paul J. Leary, Administrator
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Subject: House Bill 260 Therapy Limitations

House Bill 260, passed by the 2011 Idaho Legislature, directs the Department to limit physical, occupational, and speech therapy services covered by Medicaid so they align with annual Medicare caps. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2012, the Department will limit therapy services to:

- \$1,870 per calendar year for speech language pathologist (speech therapy) services and physical therapy services combined.
- \$1,870 per calendar year for occupational therapy services.

These limitations apply to therapy services delivered through independent therapy providers and outpatient hospital therapy providers. Information about how many therapy services a participant has used will be available in eligibility information online at www.idmedicaid.com, telephonically by dialing 1 (866) 686-4272, or electronically through a 270/271 transaction.

Medicaid will allow additional medically necessary services beyond these caps in alignment with Medicare policies. In order to receive payment for services in excess of the cap, providers must submit supporting documentation and certify that the services are medically necessary by billing them in conjunction with a KX modifier on their claim. Medicaid will deny claims for services that are not medically necessary, that do not require the skills of a professional therapist, or that are not supported by appropriate documentation.

Please see www.medunit.dhw.idaho.gov for more information about this change. Detailed information about required documentation and the processes for submitting claims for services in excess of these caps will be available in updated provider handbooks at www.idmedicaid.com beginning January 1, 2012. You can also contact the Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1897 with questions about this change.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

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