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POLICY CLARIFICATION

Durable Medical Equipment Maximum Unit Limit – E1399

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is setting a maximum unit limit for durable medical equipment (DME) code E1399 in order to eliminate confusion among providers when billing for this code. Currently, some providers submit separate claim lines for each DME part ordered (e.g. if two clamps are ordered, then a separate claim line is entered for each of the clamps), which causes a denial since the prior authorization (PA) requirement is to submit the DME parts on one claim line with one PA request. In order to align with the PA process, the maximum unit limit for E1399 is being changed from unlimited to 1, which will reduce the number of denials. Providers will still be able to provide pricing information for each part in the PA request and will be reimbursed accordingly.

Effective Date:

November 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

These changes are being made under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Additional Information:

The DVHA Durable Medical Equipment Guidelines can be viewed at the DVHA website here: <http://ovha.vermont.gov/for-providers/clinical-coverage-guidelines>

The DVHA Fee Schedules can be viewed at the DVHA website here: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/claims-processing-1>