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MEMORANDUM

To: DME Providers

From: Deneen Ratchford, Supervisor, DME/DMS/OXY Unit

Date: January 30, 2009

Dear Provider:

On May 22, 2006, the Durable Medical Equipment/Disposable Supplies Unit (Program) implemented the temporary procedure of preauthorizing all wheelchairs due to a malfunction in our payment system. The system has since been corrected. Effective immediately, we will be returning to the original preauthorization process pursuant to COMAR 10.09.12.06(7) which states preauthorization is required for durable medical equipment with a purchase price of \$1,000.00 or more. In addition, equipment can be rented up to three months without preauthorization.

We apologize for any inconvenience this issue may have caused. Should you have any questions pertaining to this correspondence, you may contact me at 410-767-1739 or via email at RatchfordD@dhmh.state.md.us. Thank you for your continued service to our Maryland Medicaid community.