



Network Notification

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To: All Michigan Contracted Home Health Agencies and Hospital-based Home Health Agencies

From: CareSource

Subject: Prior Authorization Waived for all skilled home health visits – Effective 8/1/10

As part of our ongoing commitment to timely and clearly articulated communication of policy or process changes, the information below supplements current policies to include those listed in the CareSource Provider Manual and on our Provider Website.

We value our partnerships with our participating Home Health providers. In an effort to make it easier for you to work with us and to ensure that our members have access to home care services to assist in care transitions, CareSource will waive prior authorization requirements for home skilled nursing, physical therapy, and occupational therapy effective for dates of service beginning August 1, 2010.

CareSource will allow up to two skilled visits (2 hours total) per day. More than two skilled visits (2 hours or more) per day will require prior authorization.

CareSource hopes that you will provide home skilled nursing visits to aid all CareSource members being discharged from an inpatient or nursing facility setting. For members with complex, ongoing care needs, we also have case managers who work with individual members. Case Management referrals can be made by calling Provider Services at 1-800-390-7102 and following the prompt for Case Management.

CareSource will conduct ongoing audits of home health services to ensure medically appropriate utilization and may contact you to provide documentation for these audits.