RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED DEALING WITH PROPOSED CHANGES IN TITLE 7, CHAPTERS 120, 145 AND 160 OF THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PROTHETICS, ORTHOTICS, AND SUPPLIES.
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7 AAC 120, 145, 160	Meagan Dudley Northern Orthopedics	1.) Prosthetic or orthotic providers should not be categorized with capped rentals of any kind. 2.) Will there be a process in place for PAs that are submitted to be worked and returned? Will there be representatives available to answer questions about the submitted PAs? 3.) Commenter expresses concerns regarding prosthetic or orthotic providers not being able to complete a CMN and suggests the providers be allowed to complete the CMN. 4.) I could not find anywhere in this notice where it states that this will be looked over annually to update to current reimbursement rates.		1.) The department has reviewed the proposed revised fee schedule and is unable to find a P&O procedure code that is listed as being a capped rental. If you have specific examples please provide them to Kristina Rice via email at: kristina.rice@alaska.gov 2.) Yes; the service authorization and provider inquiry units at Xerox will be available to answer questions about submitted authorization requests following the proposed changes to the fee schedule. The service authorization unit will process requests for equipment that requires prior authorization. 3.) Sections A & B of a Certificate of Medical Necessity cannot be completed by the dispensing provider of services (i.e.; a DME or O&P provider) and must be completed by the ordering/prescribing practitioner. 4.) It is the Department's intent to review the Medicare and Alaska Medicaid DMEPOS payment rates on an annual basis.

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