

## The Wheels of Life



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# Your Long Term Care Partners

## Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

- Division of Health Care Services (DHCS) – regulatory and operational oversight of Medicaid programs
  - Conduent State Healthcare (Alaska Medicaid’s fiscal agent contractor, formerly Xerox) performs all claims processing functions
- Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) – determines medical necessity and level of care
- Division of Public Assistance (DPA) – determines eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs
- Office of Rate Review (ORR) – establishes Medicaid payment rates



# Division of Health Care Services Role

- DHCS in conjunction with DSDS is responsible for oversight of the Medicaid Long Term Care(LTC) program
- DHCS is responsible for:
  - developing regulations and policy in accordance with federal regulations and state statute
  - providing Medicaid billing assistance and resolving billing issues
  - serving as liaison between LTC providers and the fiscal agent



# Challenges for Medicaid LTC

- Coordinating with residents and family to apply for Medicaid
- DPA eligibility determination back logs
- Coordination of Benefits
- Cost of Care (Patient Liability)
  - Determination and maintenance
  - Claims processing
- Documentation to meet medical necessity



# Overcoming LTC Hurdles

- Coordination of benefits
  - Medicare crossover claims and claims with other third party liability are now processing correctly
- Cost of Care (Patient Liability)
  - Cost of Care is now transferring timely and correctly from DPA's Eligibility Information System (EIS) to MMIS
  - DHCS is working closely with Conduent (formerly Xerox) to resolve remaining MMIS Cost of Care issues
- Ancillary Charges
  - MMIS is now correctly processing room & board and ancillary charges



# Guide to Cost of Care for Medicaid LTC

- Medicaid recipients may be responsible for a portion of their LTC costs in the form of Cost of Care, which is paid directly to the LTC provider
- Medicaid residents are exempt from Cost of Care under the following circumstances:
  - Month of admission to LTC from hospital or home
  - Month of discharge from LTC to home
  - Month of death
- Full Cost of Care is the responsibility of the recipient for
  - Each full month of approved Medicaid LTC stay
  - All bed hold days and patient convenience days
- Cost of Care is prorated when a recipient
  - is transferred to/from another LTC or an assisted living home
  - has a change in payer source (e.g., Medicare to Medicaid, TPL to Medicaid)



# Common Denial Edits

- Member ineligible for LTC on date of service
- Dates of Service not covered on member LTC authorization
- Revenue code on line does not match approved level of care
- Provider not authorized by Long Term Care span
- Member notice of exclusion of Medicare benefits
- Patient status/Bill frequency conflict
- Missing or invalid covered/non-covered days
- Duplicate claim
- Timely Filing



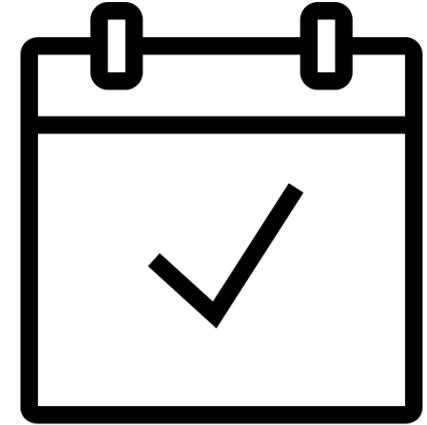
# Edit 2105 – Member ineligible for LTC on date of service

- All LTC Medicaid recipients require an approved authorization to be admitted to a LTC facility
- Confirm that a LTC authorization was approved by DSDS
- Verify correct LTC span is reflected in MMIS prior to billing
  - If LTC authorization has been approved but not entered into MMIS, contact the DHCS LTC Program Coordinator for assistance



# Edit 2100 – Date not covered on member's LTC

- Review LTC Authorization for approved date span
  - Confirm dates of service **billed** are within the **approved dates of service authorized**
  - Contact DHCS LTC Program Coordinator if MMIS is not consistent with approved LTC authorization



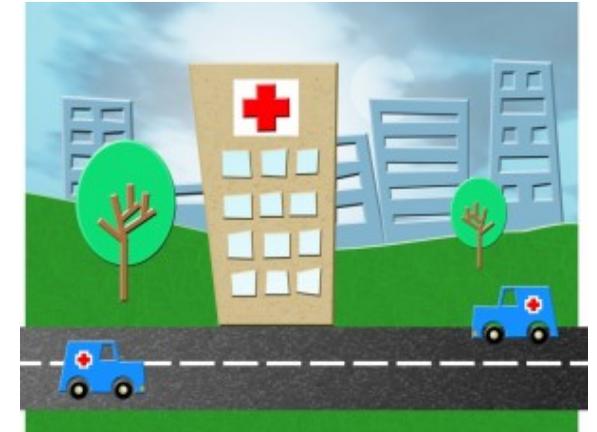
# Edit 2310 - Revenue code on line does not match member LTC

- Confirm approved level of care on LTC Authorization prior to billing claim
  - Contact DHCS Program Coordinator for assistance if there is a discrepancy between the LOC in MMIS and the LOC on the approved LTC Authorization
  
- On Remittance Advice: If an incorrect revenue code for room and board is billed along with ancillaries, the processed claim will indicate a paid status but the claim will be paid at \$0.00
  - Complete a void request
  - Void must be processed prior to rebilling corrected claim with the approved level of care (otherwise, the claim will deny as a duplicate)



# Edit 2109 - Provider not authorized by nursing home span

- This denial edit is most common when a LTC facility is associated with hospital
- Review the approved LTC Authorization
  - Ensure that the authorization was submitted with the correct **LTC facility's Medicaid ID number** (*a common mistake is to submit with the **hospital's** Medicaid ID number*)
- Contact DHCS LTC Program Coordinator if a discrepancy is found between approved LTC Authorization and MMIS



# Edit 6090 - Member's notice of exclusion from Medicare benefits

- Long Term Care facilities are required to provide Medicare beneficiaries and DHCS with notices of non-coverage under the following circumstances:
  - The Medicare beneficiary is admitted into a skilled level of care but does not meet the qualifying hospital stay prior to admission
  - Exhausted the Medicaid LTC benefit period (100 days)
  - SNF LOC was not ordered or certified by physician
  - Daily skilled care is not needed
  - SNF transfer requirement not met
  - Facility/bed not certified by Medicare



# Edit 1520 - Patient status/bill frequency

- **Common billing error:** Verify that fourth digit on bill type is consistent with patient status listed on claim

1 <b>GROWING OLD CENTER</b>		2	3a PAT. CNTL # <b>2046</b>	4 TYPE OF BILL <b>0223</b>																
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# Edit 1510 – Missing/Invalid covered or non-covered days

- **Common billing error:** Verify dates-of-service spans, value codes and service units all reflect the same total number of days

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0185	HOSPITAL DAYS	200.00		100216	3		
0192	SNF LEVEL OF CARE	200.00		100116	28		



# Edit 6600 series - Duplicate Claim

- Check to see if a previous claim was paid in MMIS
- If a claim is paid but reimbursed at \$0.00
  - Complete void request of original TCN and attach corrected UB-04
  - Mail to DHCS for processing



# Edit1882 - Timely filing limit exceeded

- LTC facilities are encouraged to implement processes to review Remittance Advices to determine why claim was denied
  - Usually only the LTC facility can correct and resubmit the claim
- Denied claims must be corrected and resubmitted timely by the LTC facility
  - Untimely resubmissions will be denied for timely filing



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# QUESTIONS?

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## Thank You



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