Completion of the LTCMI is Required on All Assessments, Including Modifications

Information posted February 8, 2011

In response to recent inquiries about completing Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) on a modification, and the deadline for submitting modifications, the following reminder is provided.

In order for a Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment to be used for State Medicaid payment, it must be submitted to the State Database, and successfully extracted by the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) onto the Long Term Care (LTC) Online Portal. According to the Texas Administrative Rule §19.2413(b)(2), the provider must complete the LTCMI section and submit for processing. This has been the case since September 2008 and applies to MDS Modifications as well as original submissions. An MDS assessment is not considered complete and cannot be used for State Medicaid payment until the LTCMI section is successfully submitted on the LTC Online Portal.

In May 2009 a change was implemented on the LTC Online Portal so that if the original MDS assessment is submitted timely (within 92 days of the MDS Assessment Complete Date), subsequent Modifications to that assessment will not be held to the 92-day timeliness rule.

- **Submitting without a Purpose Code.** The Modification can be submitted on the LTC Online Portal without requiring a Purpose Code up to: the MDS Assessment Complete Date of the original assessment plus 91 days plus the end of the month plus 1 year.

- **Submitting with a Purpose Code.** For an MDS assessment that includes a Purpose Code on the LTCMI, a Modification can be submitted on the LTC Online Portal up to: the Missed Assessment End Date of the original Purpose Code plus end of the month plus 1 year.

The May 7, 2009, posting is reprinted below.

**Attention Nursing Facility Providers**

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Effective 5/8/09 changes have been made to the LTC Online Portal that will allow Pending LTCMI on Modifications on MDS from the State Database and corrections to the LTCMI to be submitted without having to complete a Purpose Code E provided that the original assessment (MDS with a LTCMI) met the established timeliness rules. For Modifications and corrections to MDS assessments that did not originally meet the timeliness rules (including the submission of the LTCMI), a Purpose Code E will still be required. For further questions, please contact the TMHP Help Desk at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1.