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To: All District of Columbia Medicaid Hospital Providers

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Subject: Emergency Medicaid Hospital Services Policy for Alliance Beneficiaries –
Clarification Regarding Claiming for Labor and Delivery

On October 1, 2012, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) effectuated a new payment policy for Medicaid-reimbursable emergency medical services for D.C. Health Care Alliance beneficiaries. Under this policy, Medicaid reimbursable emergency medical services will no longer be included in the Alliance benefit package and will not be paid to network hospitals by managed care organizations participating in the Alliance program. Instead, hospitals providing Medicaid-reimbursable emergency medical services to Alliance beneficiaries should submit claims for these services directly to DHCF for reimbursement under Medicaid.

Since issuance of the policy, DHCF identified a concern regarding billing for labor and delivery. Since women in labor who are members of the Alliance program are not always admitted through the emergency room, claims for labor and delivery cannot be submitted directly to DHCF under the new policy. Accordingly, DHCF has revised the policy to clarify that for all labor and delivery services to Alliance beneficiaries, hospitals and physicians should continue to apply for Emergency Medicaid by submitting a 780 Emergency Request to the Department of Human Services (DHS) Economic Security Administration (ESA).

A copy of the revised policy is posted at: <http://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-transmittals>.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Claudia Schlosberg, Director, Health Care Policy and Research Administration at (202) 442-9107 or via email Claudia.schlosberg@dc.gov.

Questions regarding claims submission should be directed to Provider Services at (202) 906-8319 (inside DC Metro) or (866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area).

Questions regarding the Alliance program and billing for Alliance services should be directed to Lisa Truitt at (202) 442-9109 or via email lisa.truitt@dc.gov.