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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED CARE PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: Authorized Nurse Visits

The Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) wishes to advise all home and community based services (HCBS) providers to review the "Hot Tip of the Week", titled "Authorized Nurse Visits", dated July 20, 2009 issued by the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (MHD) concerning the nurse visits authorized through the Personal Care program. The information is located at <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/provtips.htm>.

HCBS are prior authorized in the MHD system for a year. Therefore it is necessary to authorize five (5) visits per month for clients requiring a weekly nurse visit in order to adequately cover months containing five (5) weeks. MHD's Personal Care regulation, 13 CSR 70-91.010(6)(E)2, limits reimbursable nurse visits to 26 in a six month period. HCBS providers must ensure the nurse visits are provided within regulatory and policy limitations.

Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Program Integrity via e-mail at programintegrity@dhss.mo.gov or by phone at 573-526-8557.

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