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TO: Medicaid **Home Health** Service Providers

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RE: Change in Authorization Process for Home Health Postpartum/"Well Baby" Visits

This Provider Bulletin supersedes the Medicaid Home Health Provider Bulletin dated May 1, 2002 and Provider Bulletin #03-31, dated December 16, 2003.

Effective May 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require authorization for all Medicaid home health services, including postpartum/"well baby" visits. The prior authorization number 202222222 will be inactivated and will no longer provide automatic Medicaid reimbursement for these services. All Medicaid home health services will be subject to review to determine if they meet the criteria necessary for authorization, including medical necessity.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care has contracted with QUALIS Health, a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO), to perform authorization reviews of home health and private-duty nursing services for Nebraska Medicaid clients not enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO). For more information on this change, please read Provider Bulletin #10-06 (02/25/10) on the Department's website at: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/pb/pb1006.pdf

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