



ATTENTION HOSPITAL AND PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS OF LEGACY MEDICAID INPATIENT SERVICES

Effective with <u>date of processing</u> February 1, 2015, precertification of inpatient hospital services for Legacy/Fee-for-Service Medicaid recipients will no longer be required. Hospital claims for inpatient services will no longer require a precertification or a precertification number on the claims for payment. The Molina Precertification Department telephone and fax lines and the e-Precert web application will be disconnected at close of business on January 30, 2015.

Professional claims for inpatient services will pay without the requirement of an inpatient precertification on file with the fiscal intermediary, Molina. Claims may be sent directly to the appropriate claims P.O. Box for processing and payment. They do not need to be sent to Provider Relations for special handling of precert edits.

Each day of an inpatient stay must be medically necessary. All claims for inpatient services are subject to post payment medical necessity review and recoupment if medical necessity is not met.

IMPORTANT NOTE: These changes to precertification requirements are for Legacy/Fee-for-Service Medicaid recipients <u>only</u>. Bayou Health Plans (both prepaid and shared plans)will continue to require precertification of inpatient hospital stays for their members.