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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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Delivery Systems

RE: Removal of Medicare Edits for Home Health Care Services

This Health Plan Advisory provides guidance to Heritage Health Plans for home health and private duty nursing services for members with Medicare coverage. Effective immediately, Heritage Health plans should authorize when medically necessary, and process claims for certain Medicaid-covered home health and private duty nursing services without requiring the providers to bill Medicare. This guidance is applicable for the following home health and provider duty nursing billing codes:

- S9122 Hourly Aide service in home health setting
- S9123 Hourly RN service in home health setting
- S9124 Hourly LPN service in home health setting
- S9123TG Hourly RN services in home health setting for high tech service
- S9124TG Hourly LPN Services in home health setting for high tech service
- S9123UN Hourly RN service in home health setting for 2 clients at the same time
- S9124UN Hourly LPN Services in home health setting for 2 clients at the same time
- T1022TG Daily nursing services for ventilator dependent clients 21 and older in a home health setting

Heritage Health plans that have denied authorization requests or payment of claims for the above codes due to Medicare edits should re-process claims for dates of service retroactive to January 1, 2017.

If you have any questions about this advisory, please contact Ellen McMillan at DHHS.MLTCPhysicalHealth@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.