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TO: All Health Care Providers

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RE: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

Please share this information with Administrative, Clinical and Billing Staff

Beginning July 1, 2011, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Mental Health/Substance Abuse Unit will implement the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) services in Nebraska.

PRTF is a level of inpatient mental health/substance abuse residential treatment services available for Children/Adolescents under the age of 21. PRTF services must be provided in a residential setting in which the services are directed and supervised by a physician. This service will replace previous 24 hour residential treatment services paid by Nebraska Medicaid. Residential Treatment Centers (RTC), Treatment Group Home (TGH), and Enhanced Treatment Group Home (ETGH) will terminate and no longer be available after June 30, 2011.

All health care providers who provide health services must be aware of the following special reimbursement requirements in order to assure payment of health care services provided to youth in a PRTF.

While a child/adolescent is residing in a PRTF, all medical services (medical and psychiatric) must be provided in the facility by the facility and must be identified on an Active Treatment Plan. These services include laboratory services, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy provided in a community-based PRTF. Hospital-operated PRTF's must also include dental, vision, and diagnostic radiology services. These services provided directly to the client in a PRTF are the responsibility of the PRTF and are included in the PRTF per diem. Providers who deliver these medical services to children in a PRTF must contract directly with the PRTF for reimbursement. Youth residing in a PRTF are not eligible for Medicaid benefits that can be anticipated and identified on the Active Treatment Plan. Medicaid services that cannot be anticipated include emergency room services and inpatient hospital services.

All physician services to the client and pharmacy services are reimbursed separately from the PRTF per diem. Physicians may bill their services directly to Medicaid if the service is identified on the client's Active Treatment Plan and delivered in the PRTF and the physician is identified by the PRTF on the Medicaid provider agreement.

Pharmacy services for clients in a PRTF can be reimbursed to the pharmacy directly when the pharmacy services are identified on the Active Treatment Plan and the pharmacy is identified by the PRTF on its Medicaid provider agreement.

A future Provider Bulletin will identify the providers who have chosen to provide PRTF services in Nebraska. The information will be available shortly before or on July 1, 2011. If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact Margaret VanDyke at 402-471-1608 or margaret.vandyke@nebraska.gov

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