



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Commissioner

Dennis P. Whalen
Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Re: CSC Fax Capability
DME Prior Approval Bypass for Emergencies

Dear Provider:

We are pleased to announce these latest processes as we work together towards ensuring client's needs are met in a timely fashion.

If a prior approval is subsequently requested for non-emergency repairs on equipment previously repaired on an emergency basis by the same provider, the provider must supply the emergency repair fiscal order and practitioner documentation of need with the current prior approval request.

DVS

Urgent supply and respiratory items are available through the Dispensing Validation System (DVS) and do not require prior approval.

Rental:

Rental of acceptable alternatives is available to address the urgent needs of clients awaiting receipt of specific items of DME otherwise requiring prior approval.

Exceptions:

This process **cannot** be utilized for initial purchase of items using the miscellaneous services code, E1399 or K0108, or where an otherwise approved code does not exist. The Department must be assured that any item being claimed using these codes are federally reimbursable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Johnson".

Joan Johnson, Director
Division of Medicaid Fraud Control
and Program Integrity