



## **CHANGES TO DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME) SERVICES DUE TO TROPICAL STORM NATE OCTOBER 2017 IN THE AFFECTED PARISHES**

On Oct. 6, 2017, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency and a presidential Pre-Disaster Emergency Declaration was issued by FEMA for Tropical Storm Nate which is expected to make landfall along the gulf coast on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017. The presidential emergency declaration was made in the following parishes: **Assumption, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Vermillion.**

Medicaid recipients who live in one of the declared parishes, and who are in need of replacement equipment or supplies previously approved by Medicaid, may contact either a Medicaid enrolled or managed care organization (MCO) contracted durable medical equipment (DME) provider of their choice to obtain a replacement. For Medicaid enrolled providers, the provider must make a request to Molina's Prior Authorization Unit; however, a new prescription and medical documentation are not required. The provider shall submit the required Prior Authorization Form (PA-01) along with a signed letter from the recipient giving a current place of residence and stating that the original equipment or supplies were lost due to Tropical Storm Nate.

Additionally, recipients who were approved to receive medical equipment or supplies from a provider in a declared parish who is no longer in business or unable to provide the approved equipment or supplies, may obtain the approved items from a new provider of their choice provided that the provider is enrolled in Medicaid or contracted with an MCO. The original authorization will be canceled and a new authorization will be given to the new provider. For Medicaid-enrolled providers, the provider will need to submit the required prior authorization form with a signed letter from the recipient requesting a change in providers and giving his or her current place of residence.

All other prior authorization requests for equipment or supplies will require a prescription from a doctor and documentation to establish medical necessity.

This policy is only applicable for residents in the presidentially declared parishes. If additional parishes are newly declared, this notice will be updated.