

To: Alabama Hospitals and DME Suppliers

Subject: Billing of DME Equipment During an Inpatient Hospital Stay

For clarification purposes regarding the billing of Durable Medical Equipment and inpatient hospital claims please review the following billing guidelines. All services are included in the payment to the hospital if the patient is using the DME product while in the hospital inpatient care.

The facility will need to work under arrangement with the DME supplier for payment of the DME product and the DME company **should not** bill separately for the DME equipment. The hospital is to reimburse the DME supplier for the products used while the patient is in the inpatient care of the hospital.

In the case where the DME supplier is providing inpatient hospital training, fittings or DME product measurements for **home use only** it is acceptable for the DME company to bill separately from the hospital claim. The DME equipment in this case **would not** be used during the hospital stay.

Please contact your Network Service Representative if you have any questions.