



Subject: Ventilator Dependent Members

Scope: MedPLUS

The Department of Public Welfare issued a Managed Care Operations Memorandum (HCALL-06/2007) on June 15, 2007 notifying Managed Care Organizations that it is no longer necessary to disenroll ventilator dependent members from the Managed Care Organization beginning August 1, 2007.

Effective August 1, 2007, Unison Health Plan will become responsible for the full coverage of hospitalized, ventilator dependent members, as long as the members maintain their Medical Assistance eligibility. The rules surrounding disenrollment of ventilator dependent members in the acute or rehabilitation hospital that is covered by the Managed Care Organization for more than 30 consecutive days has been voided.

In circumstances where the ventilator dependent MedPLUS member is discharged from the hospital to a long term nursing facility; MedPLUS will continue to follow the current policy of 30 consecutive days of coverage.

Should you have any questions, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-600-9007. Also, the Unison Health Plan website can be accessed at www.unisonhealthplan.com.

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