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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Please include the following in the Remittance Advice messages beginning August 3, 2010, and run the message for four consecutive weeks. It should also be included on the website homepage and the Acute Precert and Training links. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Caroon at 342-0490.

Attention Professional Services Providers
Update to Precertification Policy Related to Inpatient Physician Claims

Effective with date of service August 30, 2010, in conjunction with the updates to the precertification/length of stay criteria for all acute hospital stays, the claims processing edits have been updated related to physicians' inpatient services. Physician inpatient services will continue to be edited to assure that the inpatient hospitalization has been precertified/approved. When there is no approved precertification on file, the inpatient physician services will deny. For a description of exceptions related physician charges when hospital stays are not precertified, refer to the 2007 *Professional Services Training* manual, page 76. For further questions related to this matter, please contact Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kyle Viator in black ink.

Kyle Viator
Medicaid Deputy Director

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MMIS Section Chief-FIMS copy
Karen Barnes

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