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## MEMO:

**To:** SDMI Waiver Case Management Team (CMT) Leads

**From:** Jennifer Fox, SDMI Waiver Program Manager  
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**Date:** January 24, 2018

**Regarding:** SDMI Waiver Policy Changes

The Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) will be updating the following SDMI Waiver policies with an effective date of **2/1/2018**:

- Community Transition;
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Specialized Medical Supplies; and
- Prior Authorization.

These updated policies will be provided to CMT supervisors by 2/1/2018 and will be available on AMDD's website at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/HCBSPolicyManual>.

**Effective immediately**, the following procedures are required for the SDMI Waiver:

- All Durable Medical Equipment paid for by the SDMI Waiver must have a denial from Medicare and/or Medicaid available in CaseWave prior to service being rendered;
- Ensure or other liquid nutritional meal replacement products will be authorized up to one month at a time;
- CMTs will investigate if it is more cost effective to purchase a medication lock box or rent a medication lock box and authorize service based on what is most cost effective;
- Classes provided under Health and Wellness are authorized monthly, CMT must check activity monthly prior to authorizing an additional month;
- Services entered on the cost sheet will have a detailed Service Comment including information necessary to identify each service and medical necessity; and
- The following services will be screened by your local Community Program Officer (CPO) and central office before services are provided:
  - Community transition;
  - Home modifications; and
  - Homemaker Chore large restoration projects.

SDMI Waiver will no longer pay for the following items **effective immediately**:

- Eye glasses;
- Hearing aids;
- Gas cards;
- Phone cards;
- Gift cards for crafts or hobbies;
- Electronic equipment for socialization such as:
  - iPad/iPod;
  - Computer; and
  - Electronic books.
- Recreational passes such as:
  - Movie tickets; and
  - Event tickets.
- Durable Medical Equipment covered under State Plan such as:
  - Pulse oximeter.
- Medical supplies such as:
  - Wipes; and
  - Gloves.
- Durable Medical Equipment that is not adaptive such as:
  - Hand Held shower head; and
  - Mattress.
- Over the Counter (OTC) medication;
- Lift chairs; and
- Motorized scooters.

If there is an extenuating circumstance to be considered for any of the above services, a request can be made to your local CPO for additional consideration. Each request must include a denial from Medicare and or Medicaid, a prescription from a provider, and information showing how the item meets medical necessity.

Case managers and SDMI provider agencies must work together to evaluate member health and safety and ensure that appropriate, medically necessary, services are provided to each member within the scope of the SDMI Waiver approved by CMS.

If you have questions, please contact your local CPO. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.