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Old Age Pension Health Care Program (Health and Medical Fund)

In the January 2002 Medicaid bulletin, B0200120, providers

were notified that the State Board of Human Services adopted rules for the Old Age Pension (OAP) Health Care Program. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing previously administered this program. The Department of Human Services now has responsibility for this program. To prevent overspending the fund's \$10 million cap, the rules that were passed in January allowed certain benefit limitations to be implemented February 1, 2002. Those benefits will be restored July 1, 2002.

To prevent overspending in fiscal year 2002 – 2003, the following payment reductions will be *effective July 1, 2002*.

> *Payments* for services by the following providers:

- Inpatient hospital
- Emergency and non-emergency transportation
- Dental
- Laboratory
- Supply

Home Health

- OutpatientHMO
- Practitioner

Will be reduced by 18% of the Medicaid allowable amount. This amount is not billable to the client.

- The OAP Health Care Program will use the same formula Medicaid uses to calculate pharmacy payments.
- HCBS, inpatient psychiatric, and Nursing Facility services remain non-benefit services.

The client's co-payment cap will remain at \$300 for 2002.

The OAP Health Care program receives funding for the next Fiscal Year on July 1st of each year.

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