



COMMISSIONER
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To: Nursing Facility Providers

Subject: Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
Information Letter No. 2010-33
Payment on Nursing Facility Resident Transfers

This letter is to inform providers that effective April 3, 2010, an enhancement to the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Service Authorization System to allow payment for a nursing facility resident who transfers to a new facility will be implemented. Specifically, this enhancement will authorize payment to the nursing facility that is providing services to the resident.

Beginning on April 3, 2010, when a Form 3618/3619 admission is processed from a new nursing facility, the prior nursing facility's records will be closed the day before the transaction date on the new nursing facility's admission form. This will allow the new nursing facility to be authorized for services.

Additionally, this enhancement will allow the prior nursing facility's discharge form to process although authorizations are already closed. Nursing facilities are reminded of their contract obligation to submit appropriate resident discharge forms; this system-generated closure does not release the obligation to do this. Any conflict in dates between the admission and discharge dates will be addressed through DADS Provider Claims Services at 1/512-438-2200, Option 1.

Facilities are reminded of the importance of monitoring the Long Term Care (LTC) homepage at <http://www.tmhp.com/LTCPrograms/> to keep abreast of LTC News notices regarding system changes and other updates.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Taylor
DADS Chief Financial Officer

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