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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Transmittal No: 93 LCM-170

Date: November 30, 1993

Division: Health And Long Term  
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Private Duty Nursing for the Care At Home Program

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM

This LCM concerns private duty nursing provided to children in the Care At Home Programs. When a Care At Home private duty nursing fee code is billed, MMIS pays the hourly amount actually billed by the provider or the statewide maximum unit fee, which ever is lower. MMIS does not recognize locally negotiated private duty nursing fees for these codes.

In order to assure that nursing providers bill and are paid at the fee assigned by the local district, we are recommending that the local district obtain a signed statement from each private duty nurse or agency billing Medicaid for services to a child in the Care At Home program. This statement should document that the nurse or agency acknowledges and agrees to bill MMIS the hourly fee that the County has approved to be billed for the child receiving nursing services through the Care At Home Program. Obtaining the statement can be delegated to the Care At Home Case Manager. The statement should be maintained by the local district.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, you may contact Janice Tricarico at (518) 473-5840, USER ID OMA090.

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