

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Community Care Policy Clarification CCAD 02008, HCSS 02003

TO: Regional Administrators
Regional Directors
Long Term Care Services

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Policy Question 1:

Long Term Care (LTC) Information Letter No. 02-06, page 4, item 2, indicates a case manager will make a determination for adaptive aids or medical supplies requests that are not included on the List of Adaptive Aids/Medical Supplies found in the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) provider manual. Does the case manager or regional nurse make the determination to approve or disapprove adaptive aids/medical supplies not included on the list of adaptive aids/medical supplies found in the CBA provider manual?

Policy Clarification 1:

The case manager must continue to obtain regional nurse approval for any requested item not included on the List of Adaptive Aids/Medical Supplies found in the CBA provider manual.

Policy Question 2:

Does Rider 7 not only apply to clients exceeding their Texas Index for Level of Effort (TILE) cost ceiling, but also to the individual service cap for Adaptive Aids/Medical Supplies (\$10,000) and Minor Home Modifications (\$7,500 Lifetime)?

Policy Clarification 2:

Rider 7 criteria are applied to all Individual Service Plan (ISP) change request(s). Requests will be considered if there is a change to a client's medical condition, functional needs, environment or change in the caregiver/third party resources that have been providing services to the client. The case manager is responsible for the determination to approve or deny the increase in consultation with the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) regional nurse, as needed.

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