A Message to
Business Office Managers

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Contracting Home Health Agencies

FROM: Kathleen Mariano
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SUBJECT: Services by Family Members

The AmeriHealth Subscriber Agreement includes a provision which states that services are not covered if provided by a "member of the patient's immediate family". Immediate family is defined as " spouse, parent, child, stepchild, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law".

In accordance with this policy, we will not provide reimbursement to participating home health agencies for home care or private duty nursing services if it is determined that the caregiver for the agency is an immediate member of the patient's family.

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact Melinda Grant, Ancillary Coordinator at 856-778-6647.