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Re: Health Check/EPSDT and Prior Approval Process

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention two Medicaid special bulletins that would be useful to your county staff. They are the December 2005 and the January 2006 Special Bulletins on Health Check/Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) and the Prior Approval Process and Requests for Non-Covered Services, respectfully. Both bulletins contain a wealth of information on these subjects and can be retained and used as a resource tool by your staff.

The bulletins can be accessed on-line at http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/bulletin.htm.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

L. Allen Dobson