



# Expert Billing & More, Inc.

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**Important Changes Taking Place March 1, 2008:** A few months back we informed you that ACS will no longer be the fiscal agent for Florida Medicaid. Effective March 1, 2008, EDS will be taking over in this capacity. EDS has already started having trainings throughout the state.

Although we are handling your billing, it is still recommended that you attend the training in your area. There are a lot of new and exciting things providers will be able to take advantage of, whether you use Expert Billing or not, so we wouldn't want you to miss out on any important information. The training is not mandatory; however, it is in your best interest to attend. If you have not received training information, please visit their website at <http://mymedicaid-florida.com/providerreadiness> to obtain info.

**In the next few weeks, you will be receiving information from EDS that will require immediate action. You will be required to register your provider number(s) online as well as give us permission to continue billing on your behalf. Although you have already completed a Billing Agent Agreement, which will be on file, it is still necessary to go online and give us permission to access and submit your files electronically. If this process is NOT completed, it is possible we will not be able to continue billing for you after February 28. Once you receive your notification from EDS, if you need help, please contact our office. If for some reason, you do not receive your notification by the middle of February, please contact our office as we will contact EDS on your behalf.**

**SC Rate Changes Effective January 1, 2008:** SC rates have been reduced effective January 1, 2008. Regular support coordination is now \$135.00 and limited support coordination is now \$67.50. Please note that limited support coordination also has a new procedure code for CHILDREN ONLY. We will be updating our system automatically with the correct codes and rates so please make sure your screens are correct and ready for billing for January. If the new procedure code for limited support coordination for children affects you, please submit a new copy of your ACLMSP screen to ensure we update our system accurately to avoid denials.

**PCA Rate Reductions:** As you are all aware, rates for PCA were reduced by 4% effective January 1, 2008. You should have already received 2 new authorizations: 1 ending 12/31 with the old rate and the remaining balance and 1 effective 1/1/08. Please make sure to submit your new authorizations along with billing to avoid delays. In addition, it is also a good idea to make sure that you send us a copy of the authorization that now ends 12/31 to ensure that our system reflects accurate data to help you avoid billing over your limits.

**Still More Changes....** There are still more changes yet to come. Make sure you stay in the loop either via email, attending local APD meetings or talking with your SC to make sure that are aware of when changes are implemented. Changes still anticipated are: limiting companion to 24 quarters per day, limiting meaningful day activities (combination of ADT, companion and SE) to 30 hours per week and possibly limiting the maximum daily units for supported living. I believe APD is waiting for final approval on these issues so they could be implemented at any time.

**Monthly Res Hab:** We have had our first go around with billing the new monthly res hab. Problems occurred as expected but things are running smoothly now. Please remember that if your client is not in attendance for AT LEAST 24 days in the month, you will need a new authorization for that month with approval for the daily rate. Contact your SC if this affects you.

**Denials...** Please remember if you experience a denial, you should contact our office immediately. DO NOT simply resubmit an invoice for reprocessing as this creates confusion and possible overbilling or double billing.

*As always, please feel free to call if you have questions.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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