INFANT APNEA MONITOR CHANGES

Effective for dates of service on and after **September 1, 2008,** vendors will have to obtain an electronic Dispensing Validation System (DVS) prior authorization number **prior to providing an apnea monitor to infants under 1 (one) year of age**.

Important information on this change:

- A DVS request is submitted in "real time", which means that the status of the request will be available by the end of your DVS session.
- DVS checks service limits on the procedure code requested, including frequency, units and age. If service limits are not exceeded, an immediate authorization number is returned. If service limits are exceeded, a prior approval must be requested.
- The vendor must report the prior authorization number on the claim.
- An apnea monitor DVS authorization will be granted for an approved period of service of 30 days, and can be cancelled by the provider within 90 days of the authorization date.
- In the ordering provider identification field on prior authorizations and claims, the actual provider identification number of the qualified ordering provider must be entered. Board certified pulmonologists or board eligible pulmonologists are qualified to order apnea monitors.
- No facility or center provider identification numbers will be allowed in the ordering provider field.
- All ordering and dispensing provider's 10-digit NPI number must be reported on the DVS request and the claim.
- NYS Medicaid enrolled providers must report their NPI to NYS Medicaid via the website www.emedny.org.
- **All other requirements, coverage and policies relating to apnea monitors remain in effect. Prior approval <u>is still required</u> for beneficiaries over 1 (one) year of age.** See the Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual at: http://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/index.html

For more information and assistance with obtaining a DVS through e-PACES and the Omni 3750 terminal or to obtain eMedNY Prior Approval Request Form 361401 (paper form) for DVS overrides, contact Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) at (800) 343-9000.

For information regarding general Medicaid coverage of apnea monitors or a specific prior approval submission, call the Medical Prior Approval Bureau at (800) 342-3005, Option # 1.