

# Provider Update

## Children's Intervention Services (CIS)

**Background:** Beginning June 1, 2013, all therapists providing Children's Intervention Services (CIS), including hospital-employed therapists, must be enrolled in the CIS program. We want to remind you of our CIS policy, which is consistent with the program guidelines outlined by the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH).

✦ **What this means to you:** If you are a hospital-employed therapist **NOT** enrolled in the CIS program and have a current prior authorization to render rehabilitative or restorative therapy services to an Amerigroup member, you'll be allowed to treat that member until the authorization expires.

For authorizations that will end in June 2013, the health plan will extend the authorization for 30 days to allow for continuity of care and transition to a CIS-enrolled therapist. If additional therapy is needed, the expectation is the child will be transitioned to a CIS-enrolled therapist.

### About Children Intervention Services (CIS)

Children Intervention Services (CIS) are:

- Provided to Medicaid eligible members from birth through 21 years of age with physical disabilities or developmental delay when a physician has prescribed rehabilitative or restorative intervention services
- Available to:
  - Children who have a written service plan established by a physician
  - Infants and toddlers who are eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, Part C), meet eligibility for the Early Intervention program (Babies Can't Wait) and have an authorized Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) developed by the multi-disciplinary team

CIS must be determined to be medically necessary and be recommended and documented as appropriate interventions by a physician. A written service plan/plan of care with a letter of medical necessity, attestation or the IFSP are required for services billed under the CIS program.

In a group practice, hospital or agency, each provider must enroll separately and bill for services provided under their own provider number. These therapy services should not be billed under the hospital provider number. ICD-9 V-codes are not allowed as the primary diagnosis.

### What if I need help?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need help with any else, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.

