BEFORE THE ALASKA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ON REFERRAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

In the Matter of)	
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LN)	OAH No. 14-1352-MDX
)	Agency No.

DECISION

L¹ N appeals from the Division of Health Care Services' decision denying coverage for a portion of his inpatient admission to No Name Hospital (NNH).² A telephonic hearing was held on September 25, 2014.³ L was represented by his legal guardian, S X. D M, L's fill-in care coordinator, also participated on his behalf. Angela Ybarra represented the Division.

The Division denied inpatient coverage for June 23 – 24, 2014. At hearing, the Division explained that the majority of charges from L's stay at NNH have been settled and that the denial was for a single day, his day of discharge. According to Ms. Ybarra, Medicaid should not be billed for the day of discharge. Additionally, Ms. Ybarra stated that because L is Medicaid eligible, Ms. X is not responsible for the denied service. Ms. X stated that she attempted to visit L early on the morning of June 24, 2014, but he was already en route to No Name Institute. Ms. X also stated she has not received a bill for the denied service and that based on the Division's assurances that she will not responsible for those charges, she is comfortable with the Division's denial.

Because the record does not support inpatient billing for the single day of denied coverage and because Ms. X will not be held accountable for the payment, the Division's decision to deny the inpatient authorization is affirmed.

Dated: September 25th, 2014

Signed
Bride Seifert
Administrative Law Judge

The typo, "L," in the proposed decision was changed according to 2 AAC 64.350(b).

Exhibit C.

The hearing also addressed the Division's denial of L's inpatient stay at API. See OAH 14-1351-MDX.

Adoption

The undersigned, by delegation from of the Commissioner of Health and Social Services, adopts this Decision, under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1), as the final administrative determination in this matter.

Judicial review of this decision may be obtained by filing an appeal in the Alaska Superior Court in accordance with Alaska R. App. P. 602(a)(2) within 30 days after the date of this decision.

DATED this 14th day of October, 2014.

By: Signed

Name: Bride Seifert

Title/Division: ALJ/OAH

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