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Memo

To: Darlene Shamblin, HealthSmart
From: Gloria Long, Deputy Director for Insurance Programs & Services
Date: June 15, 2005
Re: Same Day Live Discharge Policy

PEIA currently requires that inpatient admissions, when the patient is discharged in less than 24 hours, be billed as outpatient services. In order to accommodate the billing practices of our West Virginia hospitals, PEIA will change this policy.

Effective July 1, 2005, PEIA will allow payment of "one per diem" allowance for "Same Day Live Discharges". The per diem allowance is the amount in column R of the PPS files and is labeled as Day 2+.

If you have questions regarding this policy change, please let me know.

Cc: Charlotte Stover, HealthSmart
Jason Haught, PEIA CFO
Tanya Cyrus, PEIA Manager of Health Benefits and Clinical Administration
Diane Tittle, PEIA Customer Service
Mike Robbins, West Virginia Hospital Association