

**Update to all DME Providers regarding the Provider Bulletin:**

As all DME providers are aware, prior authorization is required for equipment or supplies at or above \$300, equipment and/or supplies, such as oxygen supplies for patient owned equipment, urostomy/colostomy supplies, incontinence supplies, etc., that over a 12 month period will cost \$300 or more, items purchased on a monthly basis that exceed \$300, estimated annual cumulative rental of \$300 or more, and labor or repair charges of \$300 or more. The Provider Bulletin article, *Pharmacy Providers that Supply Durable Medical Equipment*, alludes to that dollar amount which needs prior authorization of \$500; however, this will not go into effect until July 1, 2006.

The new DME manual will be released on June 1, 2006 and will be available via our website. Upon review of this manual, if you have any question or concerns regarding any changes please e-mail those concerns to me at [sohelm@nd.gov](mailto:sohelm@nd.gov) and I will address them with the Department. Any changes, additions, or corrections that have been made to the previous DME manual will not take effect until July 1, 2006. Please refer to the Departments website often to review any corrections or changes that may take place in the future.

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