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TO: FHCP PROVIDERS

FROM: CAROL COOPER, L.P.N. / PROVIDER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

DATE: MARCH 9, 2009

**RE: POWER OPERATED VEHICLE/ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR
GUIDELINES**

Florida Health Care Plans (FHCP) follows Medicare criteria for the eligibility of Power Operated Vehicles (POV's) and Electric Wheelchairs for all members (Medicare and Commercial). Therefore, prior to submitting a referral, the member must have had a Physical Therapy Evaluation specific to the need for and use of the equipment.

Ability Health Services provides outpatient Physical Therapy for FHCP members. They will evaluate the patient for the appropriateness of the specified equipment. They will do an objective assessment of the patient's functional ability. This evaluation will need to be submitted to Apria (FHCP's DME provider) along with the referral request for the POV or Electric Wheelchair. Requests submitted to Apria, without a copy of this evaluation, will not be accepted by Apria and will be returned to the requesting provider.

A listing of Outpatient Rehabilitation Locations can be found in your FHCP Provider Guidelines.

If you have any questions in reference to this memo, please call me at 386 / 615-4001. Thank you.