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Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services

NEWSLETTER

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TO: Independent Clinical Laboratories – For Action
Hospitals – For Action
HMOs – For Information

SUBJECT: Updates to the HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); Labs

EFFECTIVE: (1) Additions and Changes Effective for Claims with Dates of Service on or after January 1, 2000

(2) Deletions Effective for Claims with Dates of Service on or after April 1, 2000

PURPOSE: To notify independent clinical laboratories and hospitals (1) of additions and deletions to the 2000 HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and (2) of changes in the reimbursement rate for the HIV 1 Viral Load Test.

ACTION: (1) For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2000, the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) has added new HCPCS procedure codes and their applicable maximum fee allowances to the Independent Clinical Laboratories and Hospital Manuals. These procedure codes reflect covered pathology /laboratory services and maximum fee allowances under the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs. Providers should use these HCPCS procedure codes when submitting claims for processing.

In addition, the Division is deleting certain HCPCS procedure codes for pathology/laboratory services for claims with service dates on or after April 1, 2000.

(2) Consistent with N.J.A.C. 10:61-1.7, the Medicaid program can pay no more than the Medicare limit for laboratory services. Therefore, the reimbursement rate for the HIV 1 Viral Load Test is being changed to \$117.00.

Attachments to this Newsletter include:

Additions/deletions to N.J.A.C. 10:61-3.2, HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee allowances.

Additions/deletions to N.J.A.C. 10:52-10.2, HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee allowances.

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10:61-3.2 HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee allowances

Additions Effective for Claims with Dates of Service on or after January 1, 2000

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			<u>Total Fee</u>	\$ <u>Prof. Comp</u>
	80048		9.30	
	80053		10.50	
	80069		9.60	
	80074		30.00	
	80076		7.00	
	82120		4.00	
	82120 QW		4.00	
	87338		9.00	

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80049	80048
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80091	SEE SPECIFIC TESTS
80092	SEE SPECIFIC TEST
86588	86403, 87081, 87430, or 87880

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<u>HCPCS CODE</u>	<u>TOTAL FEE</u>	<u>OLD FEE</u>
87536	\$117.00	\$126.00

NOTE: Reimbursement was decreased based on HCFA recently established National Limitation Rate (NLR) for Medicare payments for the HIV-1Viral Load Test.

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