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TO: Certified Nurse Midwives- **For Action**
 Physicians, Independent Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Hospitals, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Newborn Circumcisions**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after January 1, 2002

PURPOSE: To notify certified nurse midwives of a decision by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to change its policy regarding Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service (FFS) coverage of newborn circumcisions performed by certified nurse midwives in hospital settings.

BACKGROUND: DMAHS currently provides Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS coverage and reimbursement for newborn and adult circumcision procedures performed by a physician.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to notify certified nurse midwives of a decision by DMAHS to provide Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS coverage and reimbursement for newborn circumcisions performed by a certified nurse midwife in a hospital setting. This decision is based on *Guidelines for the Performance of Circumcisions by Certified Nurse Midwives*, approved by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners.

ACTION: Effective for claims with service dates on or after January 1, 2002, newborn circumcisions performed in a hospital by a certified nurse midwife shall be covered by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS program. The following CPT procedure codes/modifier and maximum fee allowances shall apply:

<u>CPT Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Maximum Fee Allowance</u>
54160 WM	Circumcision, surgical excision other than clamp, device or dorsal slit, newborn	\$11.20
54150 WM	Circumcision, using clamp or other device, newborn	\$11.20

It is important to note that newborn circumcisions by certified nurse midwives are only a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare covered service when provided in a hospital setting. Circumcisions performed by Certified Nurse Midwives in any other settings are not covered by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS programs.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Office of Utilization Management, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2721.

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