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TO: Physicians - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Billing Procedures for Postsurgical Pain Management

EFFECTIVE: **Immediately, for service dates on or after January 1, 2002**

PURPOSE: To notify Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare (NJFC) fee-for-service (FFS) anesthesiologist providers of the availability of a new procedure code to be used when billing for pain management services following surgical procedures.

BACKGROUND: Epidural analgesia may be employed for pain management following surgical procedures. Currently, there is no procedure code to reimburse anesthesiologists for this service. The addition of a new procedure code 62318 22 will allow anesthesiologists to bill and be reimbursed for the daily management of postsurgical epidural pain management.

ACTION: Anesthesiologists may bill and be reimbursed for daily post surgical epidural pain management under procedure code 62318 22 when the following conditions are met:

1. Daily management of epidural analgesia (procedure code 62318 22) may be billed by an anesthesiologist on days following a surgical procedure. Epidural anesthesia/analgesia delivered on the day of surgical procedure should be billed using procedure code 62318 or 62319, as appropriate.
2. This service may be billed by one provider, once a day (1 unit).
3. This service is payable only when the place of service is 3 or 21 (inpatient hospital).

The following CPT procedure code should be utilized for these services:

<u>CPT Code</u>	Mod	Description	Maximum Fee Allowance	
			<u>Specialist \$</u>	<u>Non-Specialist</u>
62318	22	Daily management of epidural or subarachnoid drug administration for postsurgical pain control (exclusive of the day of surgery)	<u>41.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>

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