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

SUBJECT: **Changes in Same Day Billing Procedures for Evaluation and Management Codes and Surgical Procedure Codes**

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify physicians of a change in same day billing procedures to allow Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement for Evaluation and Management procedure codes and surgical procedures billed with the same date of service.

BACKGROUND: In response to a proposal to readopt the Medicaid Physician Services Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:54, a regulatory change was requested to allow physician reimbursement for an Evaluation and Management procedure code and a surgical procedure code billed with the same date of service. This change was adopted on January 12, 2001.

The purpose of this Medicaid Newsletter is to reiterate and emphasize this policy change to physicians.

ACTION: **Effective immediately**, Evaluation and Management (E&M) procedure codes are separately reimbursable when performed on the same date of service as a surgical procedure performed by the same physician when separately identifiable problems or diagnoses are applicable.

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