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**TO:** All Non-Pharmaceutical Providers, Submitters, and Software Vendors –  
**For Action**  
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** New Remittance Advice Statements

**EFFECTIVE:** Non-Pharmacy claims with payment dates on or after October 29, 2003

**PURPOSE:** To notify all non-pharmacy providers, recipients of electronic RAs, and software vendors of changes in the way adjudicated claims information will be disseminated to providers due to the new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards.

**BACKGROUND:** Providers were previously notified of the HIPAA standards for processing electronic health care claims. If you or your software vendor needs further information concerning the new claim format standards, you may reference this information on the Unisys website at [www.njmmis.com](http://www.njmmis.com). This information is found in HIPAA Companion Guide located at this site.

Complementing the previously announced changes to claim formats, HIPAA also requires the State to adopt a new RA format for the RA statement known as the "835 Remittance Advice, Version 4010A1 format."

The focus of this Newsletter is the timing of changes to the current electronic Remittance Advice (RA) format that must change due to HIPAA.

*In this Newsletter, the current RA format shall be referred to as the "Unisys RA" format. The new RA format shall be referred to as the "HIPAA 835 RA" format.*

**ACTION:** Effective for claims with payment dates on or after October 29, 2003, **non-pharmacy providers** who have completed the Medicaid HIPAA EDI agreement, found in Section 2.7 of the HIPAA Companion Guide at [www.njmmis.com](http://www.njmmis.com), will have the option of receiving the electronic RA in the new HIPAA 835 format. Unisys Provider Enrollment is contacting all recipients of electronic RAs to determine their readiness for receiving electronic RAs in this new format.

**On or about January 1, 2004, Unisys will discontinue the Unisys RA statement. Adjudicated claim information will only be reported using the new HIPAA 835 RA format. At that time, all electronic RAs will be created in the new format, even if the submitter has not notified Unisys that it is ready to accept this new format.**

All providers receiving the paper Unisys RA statement will continue to receive a paper RA statement. For information about accessing the paper Unisys RA statement on-line, please see the Medicaid Newsletter Volume 12, No. 21, dated April 1, 2003.

### **Claim Error Codes**

Unisys error codes will only be reported on paper Unisys RA statements for all health care services. **Only HIPAA-approved error codes will be reported on the new electronic HIPAA RA statement.**

Information concerning crosswalks between the Unisys error codes and HIPAA-approved error codes may be found at the Unisys website **[www.njmmis.com](http://www.njmmis.com)**.

### **Reminders**

Non-pharmacies are reminded that Unisys will continue to accept the proprietary claim format for claims with service dates prior to January 1, 2004. For service dates on or after January 1, 2004, the HIPAA 837 claim format shall be the only electronic claim format accepted by Unisys for payment consideration.

If you have any technical questions concerning the HIPAA 835 RA format, please contact Michael Chiofalo at (609) 588-2759.

If you have any policy questions regarding Medicaid-covered health care services and HIPAA standards, please contact the Office of Utilization Management at (609) 588-2721.

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