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**THIS NEWSLETTER REVISES NEWSLETTER VOLUME 14, NO. 51,
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TO: Freestanding ESRD Providers - **For Action**
Hospital-Based ESRD Providers - **For Information Only**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Epoetin Alfa, Recombinant
(Erythropoietin; EPO)

EFFECTIVE: Claims processed by Unisys on or after **March 7, 2005** with service dates on or after **September 1, 2004**

PURPOSE: To notify freestanding End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) providers of the need to report HCPCS procedure code Q4055 and the EPO units provided, as well as, to notify providers of a change in reimbursement.

BACKGROUND: EPO claims processed by Unisys using the UB-92 claim form and reported revenue codes 634 and 635.

Due to an unanticipated delay, changes in reimbursement for EPO claims, which were to be effective on October 1, 2004 for claims with service dates on or after October 1, 2004, have been rescheduled.

The new effective date for the changes in reimbursement for EPO claims is **September 1, 2004**, for claims submitted to Unisys on or after **March 7, 2005**.

With the exception of the date changes, the policy changes announced in this revised newsletter are the same as those described in the original newsletter, Volume 14, No. 51, dated October 2004.

In addition, providers who were paid inappropriately due to these billing changes may submit adjustments to Unisys to receive proper payments for EPO claims.

ACTION: Freestanding ESRD Centers must continue to report Revenue Codes 634 (administration of less than 10,000 units) and 635 (administration of 10,000 or more units) on the UB-92 claim form when requesting EPO payments. ESRD Centers shall also report:

1. The HCPCS procedure code Q4055 in Field No. 44 (HCPCS/Rates) on the UB-92 claim form; and
2. The actual number of EPO units provided, expressed "per 1000" in Field 46. For example, if 10,000 EPO units were provided, "10" must be reported in Field 46.

NOTE: As of September 1, 2004, freestanding ESRD Center EPO reimbursement will be \$12.26 per 1000 units.

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