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TO: Dental Providers - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Information for Behavior Management with Dental Services

EFFECTIVE: Services rendered on or after July 1, 2008

PURPOSE: To notify providers that DMAHS has made revisions to dental services claims payment processing for behavior management.

BACKGROUND: For payment processing, the NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid program has revised claim submission requirements and payment consideration of behavior management when general anesthesia services are provided on the same day of service.

ACTION: **Effective July 1, 2008**, the following will apply to claims processing for behavior management (CDT code D9920):

Behavior management (D9920) is used to reimburse providers for additional time required in the provision of dental services.

Claims for behavior management (D9920) must be submitted with procedure codes for the dental service(s) provided on that date. When billing for unit(s) of behavior management associated with visits for approved denture or crown services that include multiple office visits that are not billable, the assigned prior authorization number must be on the claim.

Behavior management **will not be reimbursed** in conjunction with general anesthesia (D9220, D9221) or IV sedation services (D9241, D9242) which are not dental services and serve to alter the mental status to control the patient's behavior.

The reimbursement provided for general anesthesia will be reduced by the amount paid for behavior management in those instances when these services were provided on the same date, but submitted at different times or on separate claims.

If you have questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Office of Provider Services, Dental Unit at 609-588-7136.

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