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TO: Providers of Transportation Services- **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations- **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Enhanced Monitoring of Skilled Nursing Facility Transports**

EFFECTIVE: Claims processed on or after April 1, 2009

PURPOSE: To notify providers of transportation services of enhancements to the claims processing system to ensure the proper reporting of Origin/Destination codes on transportation claims.

BACKGROUND: Mobility Assistance Vehicle (MAV) transportation requires prior authorization when a skilled nursing facility is not the origin or destination of transportation. MAV transportation of skilled nursing facility beneficiaries does not require prior authorization. Origin/Destination codes are self reported by the provider of transportation services.

ACTION: Effective for claims processed on or after April 1, 2009, MAV transportation claims submitted for skilled nursing beneficiaries will be denied payment if **(1) the claims system determines the beneficiary was not a resident of a skilled nursing facility on a date of service; and (2) the service has not been prior authorized by the State of New Jersey.**

The claims processing system will pend an MAV transportation claim for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days for the purpose of identifying a paid skilled nursing facility claim for the same beneficiary.

If a paid skilled nursing facility claim is found, the transportation claim will be considered for payment. If a paid skilled nursing facility claim is not found, the transportation claim will be denied payment by Error Code 1601, "PA required; not in LTC facility."

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