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

SUBJECT: **Reporting Taxonomy Codes on Crossover Claims**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to announce a policy change requiring that providers report their taxonomy code on crossover claims for dual eligibles, beneficiaries with both Medicare and NJFC/Medicaid healthcare coverage.

EFFECTIVE: Claims processed on or after October 1, 2009

BACKGROUND: Effective May 23, 2008, all providers were required to have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) for billing electronic healthcare claims. As part of the NPI assignment process, a provider could choose to use a single NPI number for more than one line of business. Also, as part of this process, the NPI record contains taxonomy information that is linked to the NPI number.

For example, a pharmacy that also provides medical supply services could have a single NPI number for both their pharmacy and medical supply lines of business. In these situations, an additional identifier is necessary for the State to determine which line of business a claim payment is being requested for. This additional identifier is the taxonomy code.

When a claim submitted by a provider with a single NPI number and multiple lines of business is submitted to the State, the taxonomy code is the identifier used to determine which NJ FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid provider number is used to process the NJFC/Medicaid payment.

ACTION: All healthcare claims submitted to Unisys, the State's fiscal agent, must report the NPI and taxonomy code assigned to the billing provider in order for the State to identify the appropriate NJFC/Medicaid provider number for claims processing purposes. Error Code 1217 – Taxonomy Code Missing for the Billing Provider is currently denying healthcare claims in which NJFC/Medicaid is the primary payer.

Effective October 1, 2009, Error Code 1217 will deny any crossover claim for a dual eligible not reporting the taxonomy code for the billing provider.

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