

TO: Medical Suppliers

SUBJECT: HCPCS Procedure Codes and Interim Maximum Fee Allowance Schedule for Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies; and Clarification of Billing Instructions.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: In an effort to assist providers during our ongoing transitional activities to Unisys/Paramax as New Jersey Medicaid's new Fiscal Agent, the Division is announcing an interim fee schedule for Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies which will expedite the processing of claims by Unisys/Paramax. This is an administrative accommodation intended to assist medical suppliers with submitting claims to Unisys/Paramax.

ACTION: Attached is a listing of HCPCS procedure codes and the assigned interim "Maximum Fee Allowance Schedule". This schedule will remain in effect until the Medical Supplier Services Manual (N.J.A.C. 10:59), which includes the HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee allowances, has been adopted in the New Jersey Register, pursuant to the New Jersey Administrative Procedures Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4.

To modify a procedure, the appropriate modifier must be added at the end of the HCPCS procedure code. The modifier codes recognized by the New Jersey Medicaid Program are described in the attachment (see 10:59-3.1 - Introduction). Failure to add the appropriate modifier code will delay the processing of these claims.

If a provider's costs exceeded the assigned fee allowances, the provider may request an adjustment. To justify the adjustment request, any respective invoice(s) or price list(s) must be attached to the MMIS Claim Adjustment Request Form (FD-999) when submitted to Unisys/Paramax (see Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement).

A provider may inquire about a claim that has been paid or denied, but must make the inquiry within 90 days of the date of adjudication as indicated on the Remittance Advice Statement.

The 1500 N.J. claim form must be completed as described in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement and the Newsletter (Volume 1 No. 3) dated November 1991.

MANUAL MAINTENANCE:       The enclosed Subchapter 3 HCPCS of the Medical Supplier Services Manual (Rev. 1/92), replaces Subchapter 3 HCPCS (Rev. 7-89).

If there are any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the Chief Pharmacy Consultant at (609) 588-2724 or your Medicaid District Office.