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TO: NJ Acute Care Hospitals and Transportation Providers – For Action
Health Maintenance Organizations – For Information Only

SUBJECT: Mobile Intensive Care Unit/Advanced Life Support services

EFFECTIVE: August 10, 2010

PURPOSE: To advise New Jersey acute care hospitals and transportation providers of a clarification regarding billing for reimbursement for Mobile Intensive Care /Advanced Life Support services (MICU/ALS) being provided to Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries by a non-hospital based MICU/ALS provider.

BACKGROUND: The Division of Medical Assistance and Health (DMAHS) Services in accordance with N.J.A.C.10:50-1.4 allows for MICU/ALS services and associated Ambulance/Basic Life Support (Ambulance/BLS) services to be reimbursed through the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service program when billed on a single claim by a hospital providing the MICU/ALS service. Transportation companies providing the Ambulance/BLS service associated with a MICU/ALS run bills the hospital providing MICU/ALS service and does not bill the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare program directly for this service. DMAHS has become aware that some hospitals do not currently possess a Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) license to provide MICU/ALS services and instead use a transportation provider that is a hospital consortium in possession of such a DHSS MICU/ALS license.

ACTION: As an alternative to reimbursing for MICU/ALS services as specifically described above, DMAHS will approve reimbursement for MICU/ALS services that are provided to Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries by an entity acting on behalf of a hospital or consortium in cases in which the entity has received Certificate of Need approval and has been licensed by the DHSS as a MICU/ALS service provider in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:41-2.

Existing prohibitions on additional reimbursement to nursing homes for such services and reimbursement for services provided by volunteer ambulance organizations, and existing provisions regarding ambulance/BLS services, are not affected by this newsletter. See N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.6(l) and 10:52-2.16 (b)3.

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