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TO: Physicians and Physician Groups with Specialties in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Payment of 2013 Enhanced Physician Reimbursement Rates**

EFFECTIVE: Certain healthcare claims with service dates on or after January 1, 2013

PURPOSE: To notify physicians and physicians in a group practice who supervise an Advanced Practice Nurse(s) (APN) of a decision by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to process New Jersey FamilyCare (NJFC) (formerly Medicaid) enhanced payments for certain physicians, based on the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (HCERA) of 2010, Section 1202.

BACKGROUND: Section 1202 of the HCERA provided qualified NJFC fee-for-service (FFS) physicians the opportunity to receive enhanced NJFC FFS reimbursement rates for Evaluation and Management (E & M) procedures and the administration of vaccines. Physicians and physician groups who supervise an APN(s) that have responded to the State's request for self-attestations have been used by DMAHS to qualify physicians and APN services for payment of the enhanced rates.

To review additional information regarding qualifications for receiving the enhanced physician payments, including the self-attestation requirements, please see DMAHS Newsletters Volume 23, No. 04 and Volume 23, No. 08. These Newsletters are available at www.njmmis.com. In the left-hand column, select **Newsletters and Alerts**; select **Choose Volume and Number**; enter the Newsletter Volume and Number.

The 2013 enhanced physician rates are also available at www.njmmis.com. In the left-hand column, select **Rate and Code Information**; under **Procedure Code Listing** select **Procedure Master Listing – ACA Enhanced Rates (Excel)**.

DMAHS previously announced that the State did not receive final federal regulations on the rate increase until November 1, 2012. This was too late for the State to meet the January 1, 2013 implementation date authorized by HCERA. In addition, the State was required to obtain federal approval for its implementation plan. Once the State increased primary care rates, DMAHS announced that it would provide retroactive payments for the increase for providers and services that qualify under the federal regulations.

This Newsletter is intended to provide qualified physicians and physician groups further information regarding prospective and retrospective payment of the enhanced physician rates.

ACTION:

Prospective Claim Payments

- **Enhanced physician rates will be considered for payment of eligible claims processed by the State on or after November 4, 2013.**
- Qualified practitioners are limited to physicians with a specialty or subspecialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatrics. Physicians who supervise services provided by an APN(s) certified in the specialties of family practice or pediatrics when provided in a physician group practice may also qualify for payment of the enhanced rates.
- Eligible CPT procedure codes include 99201 through 99499; 90460, and 90471 through 90474. CPT code 90461 is not eligible for a FFS payment; however, when billed to managed care, may be used when calculating the 60% threshold.
- Enhanced rates shall only be reimbursed when these eligible procedures are provided to NJFC (Title XIX) beneficiaries; beneficiaries eligible for certain Title XIX programs; and those eligible through the NJFC Expansion Program.

Retrospective Claim Payments

- **DMAHS anticipates that adjusted payments for those claims eligible for the enhanced payments will be processed by the State in mid-December 2013.**
- Physicians are reminded that the adjusted claim payment shall not exceed a provider's usual and customary charge.

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