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TO: All Physicians for action; MCOs for informational purposes

SUBJECT: New increased Medicaid reimbursement for targeted codes billed by physicians

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2016

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Newsletter is to inform providers of increased funding for specific preventative, primary and postpartum care codes billed by physicians.

BACKGROUND: Due to a drop in hospital Charity Care utilization, the Governor's 2016 budget called for a redirection of a portion of the existing hospital Charity Care funding (\$15M State share/\$45M total) to NJ FamilyCare physician reimbursement. This rebalancing of health care finance is intended to support a continuing effort by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to encourage physician participation in the NJ FamilyCare program, expand beneficiaries' use of primary care services, and ultimately reduce episodic non-emergent emergency department visits by beneficiaries.

ACTION: The Division has targeted specific procedure codes categorized as preventative, primary, and/or postpartum care services. Physicians billing fee-for-service claims will see increased rates for these particular code sets for services provided on or after January 1, 2016. The new rates can be found by visiting www.njmmis.com, and clicking on the link for rate and code information. Physicians billing managed care claims should consult their individual MCO contract provisions for any changes in payment resulting from this initiative.

Questions regarding this Newsletter should be directed to the State fiscal agent, Molina Medicaid Solutions (Molina). Molina's Provider Services telephone number is 1-800-776-6334.

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