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TO: Independent Clinics Mental Health– **For Action**
Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Billing for Partial Care Services

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: In order to comply with federal requirements for the use of HIPAA compliant codes, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services is in the process of eliminating New Jersey specific procedure codes.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the state prior authorization (PA) code Z0170 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant code H0035 both play a role in adjudicating partial care claims. Since there are providers with existing prior authorizations under Z0170, changes in the PA process shall occur over 6 months to allow time for those existing prior authorizations to run out.

ACTION: Effective immediately, and until further notice, all prior authorizations submitted for partial care services with dates of service prior to 7/1/2019 shall include both the H0035 and the Z0170 procedure codes with the same unit requests (edits will not allow billing for both). Providers should continue to bill electronically using the HIPAA compliant code H0035 only. The Z0170 on the prior authorization is only used at this time to accommodate internal processing and should be ignored by the provider.

Effective 7/1/2019, all PA requests will only be for H0035. The state-only code for clinic transportation is not affected by this change, at this time, and should be billed the same way it is billed currently.

If there are any questions regarding the information listed in this Newsletter, please contact the Office of Customer Service at 609-631-4642.

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