

TO: Physicians, Podiatrists, Independent Clinical Laboratories,
Independent Clinics and Chief Executive Officers - Hospitals

SUBJECT: 1993 HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Pertaining

EFFECTIVE: Dates of Service on and after May 1, 1993

BACKGROUND: The HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) utilized by Procedural Terminology (CPT 1993) reflect a major change in the nomenclature for pathology and laboratory services. The intent of this Newsletter is to inform providers which HCPCS procedure codes should be billed to the New Jersey Medicaid program.

ACTION: Providers must use the codes found in the pathology and through 89999.

Please note that the following HCPCS procedure codes: 86927, 86930, 86931, 86932, 88000, 88005, 88007, 88012, 88014, 88016, 88020, 88025, 88027, 88028, 88029, 88036, 88037, 88040, 88045, 88099, 88260, 88261, 88269 and 89365 are not covered by the New Jersey Medicaid program.

In the near future, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services will be issuing revised sections of the Subchapter, HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). Your revised subchapter will indicate the relevant HCPCS procedure codes corresponding to pathology and laboratory services and their respective Medicaid reimbursement amounts.

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