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TO: Physicians, Independent Clinics, Hospitals and Health Maintenance Organizations– **For Action**

SUBJECT: Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Coverage of the Tula System

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To announce Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare coverage and reimbursement for the insertion of a tympanostomy tube under local anesthesia utilizing the Tula System. Otolaryngology, Laryngology and Rhinology specialty providers, also known as ENTs, enrolled as Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare providers may now bill for the provision of this new office-based procedure.

BACKGROUND: Tympanostomy has routinely been performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgical care center under general anesthesia. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) now reimburses ENT specialists utilizing the Tula System, an office-based alternative to traditional tympanostomy. The Tula System applies a local anesthetic to the tympanic membrane allowing for a physician to create a myringotomy and insert an ear tube in one step with the child awake and without general anesthesia.

ACTIONS: Effective immediately, ENTs who are instructed in the use of the Tula System can perform this procedure in an office setting and bill a single rate under **CPT codes 0583T (\$1362.12) for a unilateral kit or 0583T50 (\$1678.62) for a bilateral kit**. This procedure code cannot be billed with CPT codes 69209, 69210, 69420, 69421, 69433, 69436, 69436, 69990, 92504 or 97033 on the same date of service.

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