

TO: Physicians, Independent Clinics (including Federally
Qualified Health Centers), Health Maintenance Organizations
(HMOs) (including Garden State Health Plan Providers), and
Hospitals - Chief Executive Officer

ROUTING TO: Hospital Finance, Billing and Accounting
Offices

SUBJECT: Mammography Services Certification

EFFECTIVE: Dates Of Service On Or After October 1, 1994

PURPOSE: To inform providers of the need to verify Federal
certification for the provision of mammography services.

BACKGROUND: Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 1994,
pursuant to the "Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992"
(MQSA) and the interim final regulation issued by the Federal Food and Drug
Administration (FDA) in the Federal Register, Volume 58, No. 243, pps. 67565-
67572, dated December 21, 1993, all providers of mammography services are
required to have their facility accredited by an approved accrediting body and
must obtain a certificate (or provisional certificate) from the FDA in order to
legally provide mammography services.

ACTION: Providers of mammography services [including physicians,
screening and diagnostic mammography to Medicaid recipients.

Effective October 1, 1994, the New Jersey Medicaid program is suspending payment for any claim for mammography services until either the notification of certification is received from the FDA or a copy of the certification from the provider is received by Unisys, the Medicaid fiscal agent, at the following address:

Unisys Corporation
Provider Enrollment Unit
P.O.Box 4804
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-4804

Please note that an FDA certified provider of mammography services may bill the Medicaid program for either the "global fee" or the technical component ("TC" modifier) of the mammography service. A physician, billing as an independent billing entity, may bill for ONLY the professional component ("26" modifier) of the mammography service. Although HMOs do not bill Medicaid directly for mammography services, HMOs should assure that their providers of mammography services meet FDA requirements for certification.

For further information or questions regarding Medicaid's implementation of the MQSA standards, please contact the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Office of Medical Affairs and Provider Relations, Medical Consultant, at (609) 588-2751.

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