

TO: All Providers Using the New Jersey Medicaid

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Health Care Financing

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 1995

PURPOSE: To inform providers that the New Jersey Medicaid program effective July 1, 1995.

BACKGROUND: The provider community has expressed concern over the need procedures for claim completion.

In an effort to standardize the claim completion process, the New Jersey Medicaid program has opted to accept the HCFA 1500 claim form for processing effective July 1, 1995.

ACTION: The Medicaid fiscal agent, Unisys, will begin to accept the submissions only. Electronic claim submission formats have not changed, but will be revised in the future.

Unisys will continue to accept, for a limited period of time, until September 30, 1995, the current 1500 NJ claim form to allow providers/billers to deplete their current shelf stock. All claims received on and after October 1, 1995 must be submitted on the HCFA 1500 (12-90) version of the claim form with red drop-out ink, with or without bar coding. Specifically, it is recommended that the HCFA 1500 (12-90) red drop-out ink version with the bar code be used. Use of any other version of the HCFA 1500 (12-90) without bar coding will slow the processing of your claim. All other claim submission requirements and billing policies remain in effect with this transition.

Please note that as a result of this change the New Jersey Medicaid program will no longer supply the current 1500 NJ claim form or, subsequently, the HCFA 1500 claim form to providers/billers. Claim form stock may be acquired through the current vendor network of HCFA 1500 suppliers.

For your information and assistance enclosed is a revised Section "6" for your "Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement" which provides a field-by-field description of claim completion instructions for submitting the HCFA 1500 for services provided to New Jersey Medicaid beneficiaries. Please note that continuation claims will not be accepted by the fiscal agent. Each claim document must be summarized with total charges; wraparound/continuation claims will not be acceptable.

Every effort will be exerted to make the transition to the HCFA 1500 as smooth for the provider community as possible. The New Jersey Medicaid program has attempted to remain consistent with present HCFA 1500 billing instructions and will accept the same field values as currently used by Medicare, with few exceptions. We appreciate your cooperation during this transition.

For any additional questions or information regarding this Newsletter, you may contact a Unisys Provider Services Representative, at 1-800-776-6334.

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