

TO: Physicians
For Information Only: Health Maintenance Organizations

SUBJECT: **Updates to the 1997 HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates **on or after January 1, 1997**, unless otherwise indicated on the attachments

PURPOSE: To notify physicians of additions, deletions and changes to the 1997 HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for Medicaid-covered medical, surgical, radiological/ultrasound, and pathology/laboratory services.

ACTION: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) has added new HCPCS procedure codes and their applicable maximum fee allowances to the Physician Services Manual. These procedure codes reflect those physician services and maximum fee allowances which are reimbursable to physicians and physician groups by the New Jersey Medicaid program. These procedure codes are effective for claims on or after January 1, 1997, unless otherwise indicated on the attachments to this Newsletter.

In addition, the Division is **deleting** certain HCPCS procedure codes for medical and surgical services for **claims with service dates on or after May 31, 1997**. These procedure codes are listed separately on each Attachment based on service specialty.

Attachments to this Newsletter include:

- Additions/changes to N.J.A.C. 10:54-9.4, HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee schedule for Medicine;
- Additions/changes to N.J.A.C. 10:54-9.5, HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee schedule for Surgery;
- Additions/changes to N.J.A.C. 10:54-9.6, HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee schedule for Radiology/Ultrasound; and
- Additions/changes to N.J.A.C. 10:54-9.7, HCPCS procedure codes and maximum fee schedule for Pathology/Laboratory.

Physicians - Please **add** these Attachments to Subchapter 9 (REV. 9/96) in your Physician Services Manual (N.J.A.C. 10:54).

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