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**TO:** Chief Executive Officer - Hospitals

**APPLICABLE TO:** New Jersey Hospitals ONLY

**SUBJECT:** Requirement of HCPCS Codes on All Medicaid Outpatient Claims Billed to Medicaid

**EFFECTIVE:** For dates of service on or after April 1, 1998

**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Division) is currently reviewing the rate structure for outpatient services. The information currently available from the UB-92 is revenue codes. Hospital submission of HCPCS will indicate the specific services performed, as well as the services grouped within each revenue code. This information is necessary in order to properly review and subsequently develop future outpatient rates.

**ACTION:** For all hospitals who submit claims for outpatient services to the Medicaid fiscal agent, Unisys, Form Locator #44 on the UB-92, or the applicable location field on the electronic version of the UB-92, must be indicated with the appropriate HCPCS code for the service(s) provided. The submission of this information should begin as soon as possible, but no later than for dates of service on or after April 1, 1998. The HCPCS information is already a requirement under Medicare's instructions for claim submission. Since hospitals should already be familiar with this procedure, this should only be an expansion of the current hospital billing practice.

Questions regarding proper billing procedures are to be directed to Unisys, the Medicaid fiscal agent, Provider Services Unit, at 1-800-776-6334.

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