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*****IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT*****

TO: All Providers - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Acceptance of the HIPAA 5010 276/277 Inquiry Transaction Set**

EFFECTIVE: The production date for the acceptance of HIPAA 5010 276 inquiry transactions is to be announced at a later date.

PURPOSE: To notify Medicaid/New Jersey FamilyCare Fee-For-Service (FFS) providers and NJ Charity Care Providers of future changes to the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS) to accept the HIPAA 5010 276/277 Inquiry Transaction Set, permitting providers to inquire regarding the status of FFS-submitted healthcare claims. This Alert is intended to allow providers and submitters the time to prepare to support the ability to submit HIPAA 5010 276 Inquiry Transaction inquiries to the State's Fiscal Agent.

BACKGROUND: Part of the goal of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is to increase the use and efficiency of computer-to-computer methods of exchanging standard health care information, to lower administrative costs, to enhance the accuracy of data and reports, to increase customer satisfaction, to reduce cycle time, and to improve cash flow.

The national standards for electronic claim status inquiries and claim status responses are reflected in the Implementation Guide for the 276/277 transaction set. The 276 and 277 transactions are used in tandem: the 276 transaction is used to inquire about the current status of specified claim(s), and the 277 Claim Status Response transaction is generated in response to that inquiry.

The HIPAA 5010 276/277 inquiry transaction set is used by the provider, or their representative, to request the current status of previously submitted claims. A relatively simple transaction set, it contains information which can be used to identify claims, such as ICN, provider NPI, recipient ID, date(s) of service, and drug prescription number. The 277 Claim Status Response transaction is used to respond to an inquiry about the status of a claim after it has been processed, whether submitted on paper, as a Direct Data Entry (DDE) claim or as an electronic claim.

ACTION: Important Testing Information

- Gainwell Technologies, LLC will provide submitters invitations to testing opportunities, which are anticipated to occur between October 10, 2023 and October 20, 2023.
- The 276/277 Companion Guide for Medicaid/New Jersey FamilyCare will be available on or about September 22, 2023. When the HIPAA 5010 276/277 Companion Guide is available, an announcement will be posted on the www.NJMMIS.com Announcement Page.
- A follow-up announcement will be posted to the www.NJMMIS.com Announcement Page when the NJMMIS is prepared to process the new HIPAA 5010 276/277 transaction set.

If you have any questions concerning this Alert, please contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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