



State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: All Providers (Except HMOs, ICF/MRs, RTCs, Nursing Facilities, Hospitals and Dentists)

APPLICABLE TO: Providers who submit claims using the HCFA-1500, MC-6, and MC-12 ONLY

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 1997

SUBJECT: Removal of Scanner Equipment

PURPOSE: To inform providers of the removal of equipment used to enter claim information into the processing system.

BACKGROUND: In an effort to enter claim information quickly and accurately into the Medicaid Claim Processing System, the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS) utilized equipment referred to as the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) Scanner. The equipment and technology have become outdated and increasingly difficult to maintain. Therefore, **beginning July 1, 1997**, Unisys will no longer use this equipment for processing HCFA-1500, MC-6 Pharmacy, and MC-12 Transportation claims. The elimination of the scanner will not affect Unisys's ability to process claims in a timely manner.

ACTION: Hard copy claims received on or after July 1, 1997, will be data entered as part of the processing system. Scanning will no longer be used.

Providers may wish to consider submission of Medicaid claims to Unisys via electronic media claims (EMC), a superior alternative to paper claims. With electronic media, a provider or third party contractor (billing agent) representing a number of providers sends Medicaid claims to Unisys on a computer encoded magnetic tape, diskette, or via telecommunications.

For more information on electronic media claims (EMC), or if you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Alert, contact Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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