



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

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: Hospital Providers

APPLICABLE TO: New Jersey Hospitals - Diagnosis Related Groups

SUBJECT: Reimbursement through the New Jersey Hospitals
Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) Assignment

EFFECTIVE: November 1, 1997

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Medicaid program has utilized Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Inc., for the purpose of auditing the appropriateness of DRG assignment. If the claim was coded incorrectly, a manual adjustment was made to the claim and the appropriate payment was processed.

ACTION: As conveyed to providers in an earlier Remittance Advice message, effective for claims processed on or after November 1, 1997, Grouper version 8.1 and Mapper version 7.0 have been added to the Unisys system to evaluate the appropriateness of DRG codes. If the DRG code assigned by the hospital is deemed incorrect, the system will determine the correct DRG and process the claim accordingly. If the appropriate DRG cannot be determined, the claim will either pend for correction on a Claim Correction Form (CCF) or deny for invalid/missing information.

For further information concerning this Medicaid Alert, please contact Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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