



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

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Assignment of Edit Code 800 - Exact Duplicate Bill

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: This Medicaid Alert is to clarify the billing procedure under which a pharmacy claim may be paid when Edit Code 800 (Exact Duplicate Bill) appears on the Remittance Advice statement.

BACKGROUND: Edit Code 800 (Exact Duplicate Bill) identifies a pharmacy claim in process for a prescription dispensed by the same provider to the same Medicaid recipient for the same drug on the same day. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, a pharmacy provider may be denied payment for a claim listed on the Unisys Remittance Advice with an Edit Code 800.

The extenuating circumstances under which a pharmacy may decide to refill a prescription on the same day could include the loss of the dispensed medication by a Medicaid recipient; destruction of the medication, rendering it unusable; or dispensing medication to a Medicaid recipient residing in an institution, nursing facility or boarding home as he or she departs for a "Leave of Absence".

ACTION: When a pharmacy provider must dispense the same drug on the same day to the same Medicaid recipient, each prescription must be identified by a unique prescription number.

To request payment for medications dispensed as identical prescriptions with the same date of service, a different prescription number must be billed to Unisys/Paramax on the pharmacy prescription claim form (MC-6). The claim form must be completed as described in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement.

If there are any questions concerning this Alert, please contact the Chief Pharmacy Consultant at (609) 588-2724.

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