



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

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: Hospitals - Chief Executive Officer

(ROUTE TO: Patient Account Managers, Finance, Billing and
Accounting Offices)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

SUBJECT: Surgical Procedures Not Performed

PURPOSE: To inform hospitals of the billing procedure to be used when a Medicaid recipient (hospital inpatient or outpatient) (1) is scheduled for a surgical procedure, (2) hospital resources are expended related to the surgery, and (3) the surgical procedure is not subsequently performed.

ACTION: In order to receive reimbursement for certain surgery-related services for a Medicaid recipient who is admitted or registered as a hospital inpatient or outpatient for a surgical procedure which is not subsequently performed, the hospital must enter either the **DIAGNOSIS CODE V641** or **V643** in any one of the diagnosis code fields on the UB-82 or in one of the first five diagnosis code fields on the UB-92 claim form.

If a claim in this category has been previously denied indicating **EDIT CODE 083**, please resubmit the claim and include proof of timeliness of claim submission, if applicable.

For further information or questions concerning this Medicaid Alert, contact the Provider Services Unit at Unisys at 1-800-776-6334.

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