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# MEDICAID ALERT

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**TO:** Providers of Dental Services - For Action  
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only

**SUBJECT:** Proper Billing Procedures for Medicaid-Covered Dental Services

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers of dental services of proper billing procedures for reporting Usual and Customary charges on dental claims.

**BACKGROUND:** The Medicaid Newsletter, Volume 10, No. 52, dated August 2000, notified providers of dental services of increases in maximum fee allowances for certain Medicaid, General Assistance (GA) and NJ KidCare fee-for-service (FFS)-covered dental services.

The intent of this Newsletter is to remind providers of the requirement to properly report their usual and customary charge for covered dental services on dental claim forms.

**ACTION:** Providers of dental services are required to report their usual and customary charge to the general public for a dental service billed to the Medicaid, GA or NJ KidCare (FFS) programs on the dental claim form (MC-10A). The charge amount entered as the "Fee Requested" in Field No. 17-I on the dental claim form must reflect a provider's usual and customary charge to the general public for the billed service.

**Failure to report a provider's usual and customary charge on the dental claim form (MC-10A) may result in these claims being improperly paid by the Medicaid, GA or NJ KidCare FFS programs.**

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Dental Services, at 1-800-782-0181.

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