

September 8, 1998

To All Group Providers with CLIA Certificates:

During the past several weeks, EDS Provider Assistance and Provider Enrollment have received an increase in the number of calls from providers who are receiving denials for lab procedure codes. The edit in question is edit 4207; invalid effective dates for CLIA certificate. An analysis of this problem has revealed provider groups who have attempted to bill Indiana Medicaid using rendering provider numbers instead of using their group provider numbers. It is very important that group providers billing Indiana Medicaid for lab procedure codes and having a valid CLIA Certificate complete HCFA 1500 box 33 with the group provider number instead of the provider number of the individual rendering physician. The physician performing the service is the rendering provider and this provider's number must go in box 24k as the rendering physician. Since all group provider numbers will possess the CLIA certificate information (this also is reflective of who the certificate is made out to) and should be the billing provider, using a rendering provider number in box 33k will cause the claim to deny.

To All Indiana Medicaid Pharmacy Providers:

This is to notify all pharmacy providers of changes to the Medicaid Drug Federal Upper Limit (FUL). The following products have been deleted from the Medicaid FUL effective July 31, 1998:

Metronidazole 250mg. Tablet, Oral 100
500mg, Tablet, Oral 100

Quinidine Gluconate 324mg, Tablet, extended release, Oral 100

To Providers Participating in the \$18 Million Basic Acute Care Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Pool for the Fiscal Year End Date (SFYE) June 30, 1997:

Last week, EDS was instructed by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to add a specific remittance in last week's claims payment for those hospitals that qualify and are eligible for payment under the \$18 million Basic Acute Care DSH pool for SFYE 6-97. Only the following hospitals are eligible:

Indiana University Medical Center
Methodist Hospital - Indianapolis
Methodist Hospital - Northlake
Wishard Memorial Hospital

This additional remittance is described in detail in an OMPP letter through Myers & Stauffer, sent to the eligible hospitals dated August 21, 1998. If you did not receive such a letter, then your facility did not qualify and therefore, were not eligible to receive such a payment. For those hospitals that are eligible and listed above, your hospital specific payment amount for SFYE 6-97 can be found in your last week's remittance advice on the financial transactions page, under non-claim specific payouts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Washienko of the OMPP at (317) 233-1553.

To All Indiana Medicaid Providers:

Beginning July 1, 1998, Indiana Medicaid limited reimbursement for all vaccines that are (1) available through the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program AND (2) administered to Medicaid patients ages 18 years and under. Reimbursement will be the lesser of the VFC Vaccine Administration Fee (\$8.00)** or the submitted charge. Reimbursement will continue at the Medicaid-allowable rates for vaccines not available through the VFC Program and for VFC-available vaccines administered to Medicaid patients over 18 years of age. Refer to Bulletin E97-27 for additional information. **PLEASE NOTE: THE VFC VACCINE ADMINISTRATION FEE HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$8.00, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1998. In order to bypass Medicaid TPL (other insurance) edits, claims for immunizations must have one of the following pediatric preventive diagnosis codes listed as the Primary Diagnosis (this listing is an excerpt from page 10-3-3 of the Indiana Medical Assistance Programs Provider Manual):

V01.0 - V01.9	V03.0 - V04.8	V05.8 - V06.4	V07.0 - V07.3	V20.0 - V20.1	V72.0 - V72.3
V02.0 - V02.9	V05.0 - V05.2	V06.8 - V06.9	V07.8 - V07.9	V70.0	

To: All Risk Based Managed Care Providers

Effective 07-01-1998, MaxiHealth for the Southern Region of the State of Indiana has a **new** Member Services phone number. The **new** phone number is 1-800-414-5946. Currently the AVR system identifies the Central Region number but will be updated to indicate the new number for the Southern region.

To All Providers with CLIA Certification:

A review of claims for dates of service 7/1/98 through 7/31/98 identified a number of claims that have denied for **edit 4207** because EDS has not received a copy of a valid CLIA certificate from the billing provider. In an effort to assist providers so their claims will be paid, we are reminding providers that if they have received this denial code, they will need to mail a copy of their CLIA certificate to EDS so that this information can be entered in the IndianaAIM system. Please mail a copy of your CLIA certificate to:

EDS
P.O. Box 68420
Indianapolis, IN 46268-0420
Attn: Provider Enrollment

Should a provider not have CLIA certification, that provider may contact the Indiana State Department of Health and request **both** a CLIA certification letter **and** a computer printout that shows the certificate number, certificate type, valid effective date, and valid expiration date. Please mail this information to the address above. Your continued assistance with this process is appreciated.

To All Providers with CLIA Certification:

A review of claims for dates of service 7/1/98 through 7/31/98 identified a number of claims that have denied for **edit 4208** because the CLIA certificate loaded into the IndianaAIM system does not correspond with the lab procedure code billed. Please review the lab procedure code billed to be sure it is appropriate for the type of CLIA certification approved for the provider. Please refer to Indiana Medicaid Update E98-16 for a list of CLIA certificates and corresponding lab procedure codes determined by the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) to ensure billing an appropriate lab procedure code for the provider's certification. Provider's requiring a definition of a lab procedure code listed in the above referenced bulletin may consult the AMA Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) book, 1998. Inquiries into lab procedure code definition and parameters may also be directed to the Indiana State Department of Health for guidance.

To All Providers with CLIA Certification:

Please be advised that providers holding a CLIA certificate expiring in August, September, or October of 1998 should initiate the process now to renew CLIA certification with their state's department of health. Once a provider has obtained CLIA recertification, a copy of the certificate should be mailed to the following address:

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Your immediate attention to this matter will allow the Provider Enrollment Unit adequate time to enter the updated information and will ensure there is no break in the payment of lab procedure codes.