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To All Indiana Health Coverage Program Transportation Providers with Specialties 262, 264, and 265 Regulated by The Indiana Motor Carrier Service:

- The Indiana motor carrier service (MCS) is experiencing short delays in processing registration renewals for buses, ambulatory, and non-ambulatory for-profit common carriers. MCS has informed EDS of the delay and has granted a grace period for registration renewal for the above mentioned specialties through March 31, 2001. Since the MCS has granted a grace period, EDS will be extending Indiana Health Coverage Program (IHCP) eligibility for these providers until March 31, 2001. All other transportation providers should continue to send recertification materials according to the rules governing each transportation specialty. Any questions about the delays can be directed to the MCS by sending all the facts (provider name, address, explanation of the question, relevant dates, etc.) to:

**Sandy Bowling, Supervisor Insurance and Safety
Motor Carrier Services
P.O. Box 6075
Indianapolis, IN 46206**

To All Indiana Health Coverage Programs HCFA-1500, Home Health, and Outpatient UB-92 Billers:

- During recent system modifications, changes were made to *Explanation of Benefit Code 5001 – Exact Duplicate*. One change caused erroneous payment of HCFA-1500, home health, and outpatient UB-92 claims which should have denied for *EOB 5001*. This change affected claims processed from November 14, 2000, to December 7, 2000. The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) requested that EDS give providers 45 days notice before mass adjusting affected claims. Mass adjustment of all affected claims will begin the week of February 6, 2001. If there are any questions, please contact the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278.

To All Indiana Health Coverage Program Providers:

- The new 2001 Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes will be added to the IndianaAIM claims processing system, and will be effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2001. The new and deleted HCPCS codes will be listed in an upcoming Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) bulletin, projected for publication on April 1, 2001. A grace period of 90 days will be allowed for using the deleted codes.

Note: The standard global billing procedures and edits apply when using the new codes.

The IHCP recognizes the same deleted HCPCS codes as Medicare. Claims submitted using the old codes with service dates prior to the codes being deleted will be accepted. The actual date of deletion will be included in the HCPCS 2001 Bulletin. Claims submitted using deleted or invalid procedure codes with service dates on or after the codes have been deleted, will be denied.

To All Indiana Health Coverage Programs Enrolled Hospitals and End Stage Renal Disease Facilities:

- The procedure for submitting claims to the IHCP for Medicare/Medicaid eligible members who receive renal dialysis services has changed. Banner messages in 1997 requested submission of spenddown claims to the appropriate field consultant for special handling. These claims should not be submitted to the field consultants. For faster payment consideration, current claims for spenddown members who do not meet the spenddown deductible amount the first day of the month should be submitted to the normal crossover claim address:

**EDS HCFA 1500 Crossover Claims
PO Box 7267
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7267**

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