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Attention: Physicians

Webinar Announcement

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Information About

Reprocessing of claims for enhanced payments to Primary Care Physicians, subspecialties, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurse midwives under the Affordable Care Act

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WEBINAR: March 5, 2014; 12:30pm – 1:30pm;

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The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that the Medicaid program pay at the Medicare rate for certain primary care services and to reimburse 100% Medicare Cost Share for services paid in calendar years 2013 and 2014. In September 2013, NCTracks began making the ACA enhanced rate payments to providers who attested and were certified by the state for qualified services billed from that point forward.

NCTracks has since been updated to include Health Check, those codes that are billed with an EP modifier, as well as adjustments to the provider Remittance Advice (RA). Now that the changes are complete, retroactive reimbursement for claims submitted from July 1, 2013, through present began.

Beginning on Sunday, March 2, 2014, NCTracks started reprocessing of paid physician claims to process enhanced ACA payments. The reprocessing will include physician claims processed and paid in NCTracks from **July 1, 2013**, through **March 1, 2014**. The following items will be corrected:

- 1. ACA enhanced payment for claims with EP modifiers.
- 2. ACA enhanced payments for providers who have successfully attested through February 21, 2014. Check attestations by using the link in item No. 3.
- 3. Attestation continues to be ongoing. To attest, visit the DMA Website using the following link: www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/aca_home.html and clicking on the words "click here" where it says "PROVIDERS NEED TO CLICK HERE to SELF ATTEST or VERIFY ATTESTATION."

The claims will be reprocessed as Adjustments and will be reported on the providers Remittance Advice (RA) in the **March 11** checkwrite. On the paper RAs only, the reprocessed claims will be listed in a separate section titled "SPL PRCS PRACTITIONER PROFESSIONAL ADJT ADJUSTED CLAIMS" and the claims will be reported with a new EOB code of 06040 - "CLAIM REPROCESSED FOR ACA ADJUSTED PAYMENT."

Note that in some cases, the reprocessing will **not** change the reimbursement amount. After Sunday, March 2, those who review their claims via the Web portal will begin seeing the reprocessed claims.

No action is required on the part of certified providers to receive retroactive reimbursement. Reprocessing of Health Choice claims, as well as those claims previously processed by HP Enterprise Services (HPES) for dates of service between **January 1** and **June 30, 2013**, will be done separately at a later date. Providers will receive notification prior to this reprocessing.

Learn More: DMA will host a webinar on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 12:30 – 1:30pm. A web link has been established for this presentation and can be accessed using https://dhhs.ncgovconnect.com/aca_pcp_pymts/.

Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date.

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