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MEMORANDUM

TO: RHCF Members

FROM: Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Financial Policy Analyst

DATE: November 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Medicare Crossover Payments

ROUTE TO: Administrator, CFO, Billing Director

ABSTRACT: DOH exempts nursing homes from crossover payment.

Introduction

[NYAHS Doc ID # n00004007](#) advised members of the December 3, 2009 transition to the Medicare claims crossover process. As of this date, New York State Medicaid will begin receiving Medicare crossover claims directly from Medicare's Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC), Group Health Inc. (GHI). Regardless of which fiscal intermediary providers submit their Medicare claims to, GHI, in its role as the COBC, will send the crossover claims to Medicaid for all of New York state.

Nursing Home Exemption

The Department of Health (DOH) recently decided to exempt nursing homes from the crossover process. This means that nursing homes will continue to bill separate Medicare and Medicaid claims without any changes. This is a very recent change from the original instructions issued by DOH and written confirmation can be found on the eMedNY Website (www.emedny.org) crossover claims FAQ:

http://www.emedny.org/Medicare_Crossover/Medicare_Crossover_FAQs.pdf.

Questions # 28 and # 29 confirm that both nursing home claims and Part B claims are exempt from the crossover process. The text of the two FAQs is reprinted here for member convenience.

28. Will Medicare cross over Nursing Home claims to Medicaid?	No. You will need to continue billing both Medicare and Medicaid for Nursing Home claims, with no changes to your current process.
29. I submit Hospital Inpatient claims and many patients have Part B coverage only (No Part A). Will the Part B coverage during an Inpatient stay be part of the crossover?	Part B only claims are excluded from the crossover process and should be submitted to Medicaid as they are today.

Source: eMedNY Crossover Claims FAQ

NYAHSa is concerned with the last minute nature of this change and the impact on providers who may have had to implement software changes in anticipation of the crossover process. NYAHSa is discussing with DOH the implications of instituting this change with little notice to providers.

Please contact me with any questions at pcucinelli@nyahsa.org or call 518-449-2707 ext. 145.

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