MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Revision

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue changes to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule.

SCOPE:

The bulletin applies to all pharmacies and medical suppliers enrolled in the Pennsylvania MA Program and providing service in the fee-for-service delivery system.

BACKGROUND:

Pennsylvania's Medicaid State Plan (State Plan) specifies that maximum fees for services covered under the MA Program are to be determined on the basis of the following: fees will not exceed the Medicare upper limit when applicable; fees will be consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care; and fees will be sufficient to assure the availability of services to clients.

Through the enactment of section 4551(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1395m(a)(14), Congress reduced payment levels for certain Medicare items. The Department is adjusting the MA Program Fee Schedule payment rates for procedure codes to equal the Medicare approved amount. Revision of these fees is necessary to comply with the State Plan and to avoid Federal disallowances.

In addition, the Department is making specific technical payment adjustments to an additional sixteen procedure codes.

PROCEDURE:

Payment rates for the following procedure codes shall be effective November 1, 2003.

ATTACHMENTS:

- DME Codes with Fees Exceeding 100% Medicare
- Technical Revision Codes

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