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SUBJECT Correction to Medical Assistance Bulletin 14-06-04 for Podiatrists		BY  Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify podiatrists of a correction to Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 14-06-04, titled "Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Podiatry Services", issued January 27, 2006, and effective February 1, 2006.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all podiatrists who render services to MA recipients in the Fee-For-Service (FFS) delivery system, including ACCESS Plus. Podiatrists rendering services under the managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On January 27, 2006, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) issued MA Bulletin 14-06-04, effective February 1, 2006, which inadvertently included procedure codes 99347, 99348 and 99349 (home visits for the evaluation and management of an established patient) as requiring the U7 pricing modifier when billed by podiatrists. The use of the U7 pricing modifier resulted in the denial of claims for procedure codes 99347, 99348 and 99349.

A Remittance Advice Alert/ PROMISe™ Banner Page was issued on May 25, 2009, to notify podiatrists of the error in MA Bulletin 14-06-04, that they should no longer use the U7 pricing modifier when submitting claims for procedure codes 99347, 99348, and 99349, and that denied claims submitted for dates of service February 1, 2006, through May 27, 2009, were being reprocessed and paid by the Department.

PROCEDURE:

MA enrolled podiatrists should make a pen and ink change to delete the reference to the requirement of the U7 pricing modifier used with procedure codes 99347, 99348 and 99349 in the Procedure section of MA Bulletin 14-06-04. The remaining information in MA Bulletin 14-06-04 remains in effect.

<p>COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:</p> <p>The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.</p> <p>Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders</p>

Effective May 27, 2009, podiatrists are not to use the U7 pricing modifier when submitting claims for procedure codes 99347, 99348 and 99349. Claims submitted on and after May 27, 2009, for procedure codes 99347, 99348 and 99349 with pricing modifier U7 will deny. Providers who received denials for claims submitted using the U7 pricing modifier for dates of service on and after May 27, 2009, should resubmit their claims without the U7 pricing modifier, according to the instructions in the Podiatrist Provider Handbook, Section 8.5 - Claim Form Reconciliation Method.