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Attention Professional Services Providers
2007 Reimbursement Rate Changes

Based on funding appropriated in the 2007 Legislative Session and approval by CMS, DHH is pleased to announce reimbursement rate changes for selected physician services. Effective for dates of service on or after October 15, 2007, the reimbursement for selected physician services shall be 90 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable or billed charges, whichever is the lesser amount. The reimbursement shall remain the same for those services that are currently being reimbursed at a rate that is between 90 percent and 120 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable. For services that are currently reimbursed at a rate above 120 percent of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable, the reimbursement for these services has been reduced to 120% of the 2007 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable. Providers will see the rate changes beginning on the Remittance Advice of March 18, 2008. Not all codes were impacted by this process.* However, there are selected physician services that are still being assessed for inclusion in the reimbursement rate change. Providers will be notified when additional codes are added to these rate changes.

The Professional Services fee schedules that reflect rates before and after the changes can be found on the 'Fee Schedules' page of the LA Medicaid web site, www.lamedicaid.com, link: "Fee Schedules". There is a schedule entitled 'Professional Services, Lab, X-Ray and ASC Reimbursement/Fee Schedule Effective Through Date of Service October 14, 2007', that displays the rates prior to the changes; as well as a schedule entitled 'Professional Services, Lab, X-Ray and ASC Reimbursement/Fee Schedule Effective On and After October 15, 2007', that contains the updated rate.

*On the home page of the Louisiana Medicaid website, there is also a link for a "Supplement to the Professional Services Fee Schedules". This supplement provides a list of the procedure codes currently included in the Medicaid reimbursement change effective on or after date of service October 15, 2007.

Claims paid at the previous rates will be systematically recycled. Providers will be notified when and how the recycle will occur.

Please monitor future RA messages and the Louisiana Medicaid website which will inform providers of any additional updates.