



## **ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS PROCEDURE CODES PAYABLE TO PODIATRISTS**

Effective January 1, 2011, procedure codes 97597 and 97598 (Debridement, open wound, including topical application(s), wound assessment, use of a whirlpool, when performed and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per session, total wound(s) surface areas) are payable to podiatrists. The system has been updated to reflect this change. Claims for dates of service January 1, 2011-April 4, 2011 that were adjudicated prior to April 5, 2011, will be systematically adjusted on April 19, 2011. Please contact the Provider Relations unit at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 with questions concerning this issue.