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Effective Summer 2015, Alabama Medicaid Agency and HP will implement updates to comply with Phase III − Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) & Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) Operating Rules.

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Medicaid now has a section on our website (www.medicaid.alabama.gov) dedicated to the implementation of the CAQH CORE Operating Rules.
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These actions include:
− Enrolling for ERA (Rule 350 − Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) Infrastructure)
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October 31, 2014 EOP Mini Messages

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Effective Summer 2015, Alabama Medicaid Agency and HP will implement updates to comply with Phase III − Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) & Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) Operating Rules.

The rules should be reviewed by all providers and their trading partners to determine impacts to their systems. The rules are available on the CAQH Web site at http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate_EFT.php . (Click on CAQH CORE EFT & ERA Operating Rules to access the page.)

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 # 2 ATTENTION: Hospitals (2014−248 BP)

Claims that overlap September 30 and October 1 must be split billed. Services prior to 10/01 must be billed on one claim and services on or after 10/01 must be on a separate claim.

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Beginning October 1, 2014, CareCore National, LLC (CareCore) will implement the Alabama Medicaid Agency prior authorization (PA) program for Cardiology procedures listed below:
1. Nuclear Cardiology − 78451, 78452, 78453, 78454
2. Diagnostic Heart Catheterization − 93452, 93453, 93454, 93455, 93456, 93457, 93458, 93459, 93460, 93461
3. Stress Echocardiography − 93350, 93351
4. Transesophageal Echo − 93312, 93313, 93314
5. Transthoracic Echo − 93303, 93304, 93306, 93307, 93308
Any of the procedures specified above will require a PA from CareCore. Information will be accepted (i.e., online submissions, or via telephone) beginning September 15, 2014, for services scheduled to be rendered on or after October 1, 2014.

Training Available:
CareCore will provide a training webinar on September 9, 2014, 11 a.m. − 12 p.m. CDT, and September 11, 2014, 12 p.m. − 1 p.m. CDT, to help you learn more about our program.
Please see the ALERT on Medicaid's website (http://medicaid.alabama.gov/news.aspx?t=26) dated 8−29−14 entitled Alabama Medicaid Cardiology Prior Authorization Program Effective October 1, 2014 for more details.
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 # 4 ATTENTION: All Providers (2014−232 CC)

Changes have been implemented which now require dental, outpatient and inpatient claims to follow guidelines on the October 2013
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See Page 4 of the October 2013 Provider Insider for more information:
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 # 6 ATTENTION: Primary Care Providers (2014−094 BP)

Beginning May 1, 2014, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will be conducting audits of the primary care providers receiving the ACA Primary Care Rate (aka BUMP) for the calendar year 2013 claims. If the audit reveals the requirements were not met, the enhanced payment will be subject to recoupment and/or the enhanced payments will be stopped.
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October 3, 2014 EOP Mini Messages

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Affordable Care Act (ACA) Related Changes
Section 1104 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) establishes new requirements for administrative transactions that will improve the effectiveness of the existing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) transactions and reduce administrative costs.

Effective Summer 2015, Alabama Medicaid Agency and HP will implement updates to comply with Phase III − Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) & Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) Operating Rules.

The rules should be reviewed by all providers and their trading partners to determine impacts to their systems. The rules are available on the CAQH Web site at http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate_EFT.php . (Click on CAQH CORE EFT & ERA Operating Rules to access the page.)

Medicaid now has a section on our website (www.medicaid.alabama.gov) dedicated to the implementation of the CAQH CORE Operating Rules. (Go to Providers then select CAQH CORE Operating Rules. Scroll down to Phase III − EFT & ERA Operating Rules. Click on link to access page.) The website will be updated regularly as new information is made available for providers.
We encourage providers to access the CAQH CORE Operating Rules page on the Medicaid website as there are specific actions required by providers at this time. These actions include:
− Enrolling for ERA (Rule 350 − Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) Infrastructure)
− Requesting Reassociation Information (Rule 370 − EFT & ERA Reassociation (CCD+/835))
Please contact alabamaictesting@hp.com if you have any questions regarding Phase III Operating Rules.

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September 12, 2014 EOP Mini Messages

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August 22, 2014 EOP Mini Messages

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The PA requirements will apply to Medicaid recipients for the State of Alabama:
1. SOBRA Children
2. Medicaid for Low Income Families Program
3. Refugees, or
4. Supplemental Security Income

Please note that no PA is required for the following:

1. Medicare patients
2. Cardiology services performed as an inpatient hospital service, or
3. Cardiology services performed as an emergency room service

This Program is applicable to services provided in the following settings:
− Freestanding imaging facilities
− Hospital outpatient facilities
− Physician offices
− Public Health Clinics
− Rural Health Clinics
− Federally Qualified Health Clinics

Physicians may request a PA by contacting CareCore using one of the following methods:

1. Telephone (Alabama Medicaid) 1−800−918−8924, or
2. Online: www.carecorenational.com

Training Available:

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Questions

Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) will be available on CareCore's website on or about September 15, 2014, along with a complete list of Cardiology procedures at: www.carecorenational.com. You may also telephone CareCore at 1−800−918−8924, and then choose option "2".

Providers with additional questions may contact Russell Green, Associate Director, Medical Services Division, at (334) 353−4783.

Thank you for your participation with the Alabama Medicaid Cardiology PA program.

 # 1 ATTENTION: Outpatient hospitals, physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, health departments, federally qualified healthcare centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics, opticians, optometrists, and pharmacies (2014−169 BP)

System Changes are now in place to accept claims for reimbursement of Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services for Pregnant Women. Claims may be retrospectively billed effective January 1, 2014.

The following CPT Codes are applicable:

99406 − Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than three minutes up to 10 minutes

99407 − Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than 10 minutes
The following diagnosis codes must be billed on the claim (UB−04 or CMS−1500 claim form) in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid:
V220−V222 − Normal pregnancy
V230−V233 − Supervision of high−risk pregnancy
V2341−V237 − Pregnancy with other poor obstetric history, or
V242 − Routine postpartum follow−up
AND
3051 − Tobacco use disorder
Pharmacies must bill for these specific services through their DME NPI.

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 # 3 ATTENTION: All Providers (2014−108 BP)

On April 1, 2014, President Obama signed into law legislation (HR 4302) that delayed the ICD−10 compliance date until at least October 2015. As we learn more, we will keep you informed. The Alabama Medicaid Agency's claims processing system was updated in October 2013 to accommodate ICD−10.
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 # 4 ATTENTION: All Patient 1st Primary Medical Physicians (PMPs) (2014−108 BP)

Patient 1st PMPs can now view lab claims, filled prescriptions, emergency room visits, and other information on their patients at a glance using a new PMP Portal developed for Alabama Medicaid providers. All information on the PMP Portal is taken from Medicaid's MMIS claims system. Designed by the Center for Strategic Health Innovation at the University of South Alabama, the portal is free to PMPs. The Alabama Regional Extension Center team at USA is now available to assist providers in signing up for and using the new portal. The ALREC team will be contacting providers in the near future. For questions or more information, contact the ALREC team via e−mail at info@al−rec.org. If you would like to go ahead and get signed up, go to https://pmp.rmede.net/account/register. Fill out the information requested on the registration page, following any instructions given.
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In support of the changes for ICD−10 all paper claim forms submitted must have the new ICD Version field populated with either a '9' indicating ICD−9 or '0' indicating ICD−10. ICD−9 and ICD−10 diagnosis codes and/or surgical procedure codes may not be billed on the same claim. The ICD Version entered on the claim form applies to all diagnosis codes and/or surgical procedure codes entered.
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Note: HP Enterprise Services does not supply this form. Providers should obtain this form from a vendor supplying CMS−1500 forms.

REMINDER: Alabama Medicaid requires all claims be submitted electronically. The only time a provider should submit a paper claim is for administrative review or when attachments are required. If you have any questions, please contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1−800−688− 7989.
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#9 ATTENTION: All Providers (2014−063 SV/MS)

Beginning April 2014, the HP team will offer virtual training sessions on ICD−10 for providers and vendors. The sessions are being conducted as a means of providing support for existing testing partners as well as encouraging new providers and vendors to join the testing effort. Each session will cover the Alabama Medicaid specific changes being implemented and testing considerations in order to be ready for the October 1, 2014, implementation of ICD−10.

A schedule of session dates is now available on the Alabama Medicaid website. The schedule indicates dates and times for each session being offered. Due to limited space available for each session, registration is required. Details on how to register are available on the "ICD−10 Teleconference Training Information" page at:
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As communicated previously through a COBVA Alert, The Budget Control Act of 2011 requires, among other things, mandatory across the board reductions in Federal spending, also known as sequestration. Medicare FFS claims will incur a 2% sequestration reduction in payment. Alabama Medicaid is now including the 2% reduction amount as part of the calculations for Medicare Allowed Amount when adjudicating COBA crossover claims and provider submitted crossover claims through HIPAA X12 837 Claim files as of 02/11/2014. During the week of 02/24/2014 the 2% reduction changes will be implemented and available on the Provider Web Portal crossover claim forms and on crossover claims submitted on paper. The Provider Electronic Solutions software is currently under construction to include these changes and will be available soon. For further details on the 2% sequestration reduction please see the CMS website.

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August 08, 2014 EOP Mini Messages

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 # 1 ATTENTION: Outpatient hospitals, physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, health departments, federally qualified health care centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics, opticians, optometrists, and pharmacies (2014−169 BP)

System Changes are now in place to accept claims for reimbursement of Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services for Pregnant Women. Claims may be retrospectively billed effective January 1, 2014.

The following CPT Codes are applicable:
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The following diagnosis codes must be billed on the claim (UB−04 or CMS−1500 claim form) in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid:
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V230−V233 − Supervision of high−risk pregnancy
V2341−V237 − Pregnancy with other poor obstetric history, or
V242 − Routine postpartum follow−up
AND
3051 − Tobacco use disorder

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The following guidelines are to be followed:

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Alabama Medicaid and HP would like software vendors to log on to the Medicaid website between April 1 and April 30, 2014 to complete a brief survey on ICD−10 readiness. The surveys should take less than five minutes to complete and will provide Medicaid with information on provider and vendor readiness to implement ICD−10. The survey is located at the following link:
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.12_ICD−10/6.12.1_ICD−10_Surveys.aspx

A similar survey for providers will be available between May 9 and May 28, 2014. HP has implemented the changes related to ICD−10, but will not accept nor require ICD−10 codes until October 1, 2014. Please stay abreast of updates by visiting the ICD−10 page on the Medicaid website located at the following link:
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.12_ICD−10/6.12_ICD−10.aspx .
If you have any questions about ICD−10 please send an email to alabamaictesting@hp.com.
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#14 ATTENTION: All Providers (2014−080 MS)

Effective April 1, 2014, the user acceptance testing (UAT) dates for ICD−10 will change in order to facilitate testing both the end of ICD−9 code submission and the beginning of ICD−10 code submission, Alabama Medicaid has provided testing dates different than the CMS mandate date that will allow a provider to submit claims with ICD−9 codes and claims with ICD−10 codes to ensure processing will work as expected in anticipation of the CMS implementation.

NEW TEST DATES:
ICD−9 END DATE −− 09/30/2013
ICD−10 START DATE −− 10/01/2013
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#15 ATTENTION: All Providers (2014−094 SV)

In support of the changes for ICD−10 all claim forms submitted must have the new ICD Version field populated with either a ’9’ indicating ICD−9 or ’0’ indicating ICD−10. ICD−9 and ICD−10 diagnosis codes and/or surgical procedure codes may not be billed on the same claim. The ICD Version entered on the claim form applies to all diagnosis codes and/or surgical procedure codes entered.

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#16 ATTENTION: Primary Care Providers (2014−094 BP)

Beginning May 1, 2014, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will be conducting audits of the primary care providers receiving the ACA Primary Care Rate (aka BUMP) for the calendar year 2013 claims. If the audit reveals the requirements were not met, the enhanced payment will be subject to recoupment and/or the enhanced payments will be stopped.

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#15 ATTENTION: All Providers (2014−063 SV/MS)

Beginning April 2014, the HP team will offer virtual training sessions on ICD−10 for providers and vendors. The sessions are being conducted as a means of providing support for existing testing partners as well as encouraging new providers and vendors to join the testing effort. Each session will cover the Alabama Medicaid specific changes being implemented and testing considerations in order to be ready for the October 1, 2014, implementation of ICD−10.

A schedule of session dates will be made available on the Alabama Medicaid website in March 2014. The schedule will indicate dates and times for each session being offered. Due to limited space available for each session, registration is required. Details on how to register will be provided when the schedule of session dates is published.
If you have a suggestion on a topic to be covered during the teleconferences or need assistance with ICD−10 testing, contact the HP ICD−10 team via e−mail at alabamaictesting@hp.com

#16 ATTENTION: Private Duty Nursing Providers (2014−063 BP)

Alabama Medicaid Agency has established policy guidelines for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) providers who have a home business location.This policy will be effective April 1, 2014.
The following guidelines are to be followed:
1. A room specified for the business must be separate from the personal dwelling area in the home. This room must be designated as the work space and can be closed off from the rest of the house.
2. Furniture, equipment, and supplies shall be distinctly related to a business office. Bedroom furniture, clothing, gym equipment,
etc. shall not be stored in this space.
3. Business and confidential files must be kept in a locked file cabinet.
4. Children, friends, or family members shall not utilize or occupy the office area unless they are employed by the business.
5. A telephone line with a phone number different from the home residence is required. This number shall also have voicemail or an
answering service.
6. A sitting area must be included in the office space to meet with clients and business associates.
The PDN policy may be retrieved from the Alabama Medicaid Agency website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov under Programs/Long Term Care/Other Long Term Care Programs/Private Duty Nursing. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Adams, at 334−242−5040 or Renee.Adams@medicaid.alabama.gov
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 # 9 ATTENTION: All Lab and Radiology Providers (2013−200 BNP)

Effective immediately the ordering physicians NPI must be entered on the claim submitted to Medicaid.
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#10 ATTENTION: Lab, Home Health, DME and Imaging providers (2013−275 BNP)

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January 03, 2014 EOP Mini Messages

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December 13, 2013 EOP Mini Messages

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November 15, 2013 EOP Mini-Messages

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ATTENTION: All Providers (BNP 2013−230)

The Alabama Medicaid system will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance.
WHEN: Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 5PM* Central Time
UNTIL: Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 10:30PM Central Time
*Interactive pharmacy claim processing will be unavailable beginning at 6PM on Saturday, August 24, 2013. There will be no claims and eligibility processing or system access by any method during the system maintenance period.

September 6, 2013 EOP Mini-Messages

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#15 ATTENTION: Nursing Home Providers (2013−123 BNP)

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1040 PRESCRIBER DEA DOES NOT PERMIT DRUG SCHEDULE

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DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF PENTACEL, (WHICH INCLUDES DTAP/IPV/HIB) MEDICAID WILL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING CODES EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013:
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90700 − DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (DTAP) (0YR−6YR) CAN BE BILLED WITH 90713 (IPV) AND 90648 (HIB)
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THESE VACCINES WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE VACCINE LIST.

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, STRABISMUS PROCEDURE CODES 67311 ? 67340 WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) FOR ANY AGE. PAS SUBMITTED FOR RECONSIDERATION WILL BE DENIED STATING ?NO PA WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS CODE FOR ANY AGE?. PLEASE RESUBMIT CLAIMS THAT DENIED REQUIRING A PA.

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 # 9 ATTENTION: All Providers (2013−018 BNP)

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#13 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−060 BP)

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ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, ORAL SURGEONS, OPTOMETRISTS, DENTISTS, FQHCS, RHCS, MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOSPITALS, (2013−081 BP)
MAKE SURE YOUR DEA NUMBER IS REGISTERED WITH DOJ AND IS ON YOUR ENROLLMENT FILE AT MEDICAID. MEDICAID DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MAY 1,
2013. SEE ALERT ON MEDICAID'S WEBSITE DATED MARCH 14, 2013.

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#16 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−082 BP)

ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2013, CPT CODES 14060 AND 14061 (ADJACENT TISSUE TRANSFER OR REARRANGEMENT, EYELIDS, NOSE, EARS AND/OR LIPS) WILL BE
DENIED WHEN BILLED FOR EAR PIERCING COMPLICATIONS. EARLOBE REPAIR, OR REPAIR OF BODY SITE PIERCING, TO CLOSE A STRETCHED PIERCED HOLE
IN THE ABSENCE OF TRAUMATIC INJURY IS CONSIDERED COSMETIC AND THEREFORE NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY.

March 8, 2013 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2008−067 SMJ)

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−173 BNP)

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 # 3 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (2012−347 SV)

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 # 4 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2009−338 CC & BNP)

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 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2009−093)

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 # 6 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−002 SV)

TO RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING ICD−10 CHANGES PLEASE LOG ON TO THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROVIDER WEB PORTAL AND UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE EMAIL ADDRESS. IF MORE THAN A SINGLE PERSON IS TO RECEIVE THESE NOTIFICATIONS THEN IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A DISTRIBUTION LIST WITH A SINGLE EMAIL ADDRESS BE CREATED WITHIN YOUR OWN EMAIL SERVER AND THIS DISTRIBUTION LIST EMAIL ADDRESS BE ENTERED ON THE ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE PAGE. PROVIDERS AND TRADING PARTNERS MAY UPDATE THEIR EMAIL BY LOGGING ONTO THE PROVIDER WEB PORTAL. WEBSITE:
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 # 7 ATTENTION: ALL VFC PROVIDERS (2013−004 BNP)

DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF PENTACEL, (WHICH INCLUDES DTAP/IPV/HIB) MEDICAID WILL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING CODES EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013:
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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−017 BNP)

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, STRABISMUS PROCEDURE CODES 67311 ? 67340 WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) FOR ANY AGE. PAS SUBMITTED FOR RECONSIDERATION WILL BE DENIED STATING ?NO PA WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS CODE FOR ANY AGE?. PLEASE RESUBMIT CLAIMS THAT DENIED REQUIRING A PA.

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 # 9 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−018 BNP)

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#8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−342)

EFFECTIVE FOR CLAIMS RECEIVED JANUARY 1, 2013, AND THEREAFTER, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY (MEDICAID) WILL REQUIRE ANY ORDERING, REFERRING, OR PRESCRIBING PROVIDERS TO ENROLL WITH ALABAMA MEDICAID. MEDICAID CANNOT PAY FOR ANY HEALTH CARE SERVICE REQUIRING A REFERRAL, ORDER, OR PRESCRIPTION FROM A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL UNLESS THE ORDERING, REFERRING, OR PRESCRIBING PROVIDER HAS A CURRENT ENROLLMENT RECORD ON FILE IN MEDICAIDS SYSTEM

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#11 ATTENTION: DENTAL PROVIDERS (2013−014)

DUE TO CHANGES IN THE 2013 ADA PRACTICAL GUIDE TO DENTAL PROCEDURES, CDT CODES D1203 ? TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE−CHILD, AND D1204−TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE−ADULT HAVE BEEN DELETED AND REPLACED WITH CDT CODE D1208. EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, PROVIDERS SHOULD BILL CDT CODE D1208−TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE WHEN TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE IS PROVIDED. THIS CODE IS COVERED FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS UP TO THE AGE OF 21. IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO SHARON MOORE−GRIMES @ 334−353−5263 OR VIA E−MAIL AT SHARON.MOORE−GRIMES@MEDICAIDALABAMA.GOV.

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 # 3 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (2012−347)

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 # 4 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

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 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

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#8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−342)

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 # 9 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−002)

TO RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING ICD−10 CHANGES PLEASE LOG ON TO THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROVIDER WEB PORTAL AND UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE EMAIL ADDRESS. IF MORETHAN A SINGLE PERSON IS TO RECEIVE THESE NOTIFICATIONS THEN IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A DISTRIBUTION LIST WITH A SINGLE EMAIL ADDRESS BE CREATED WITHIN YOUR OWN EMAIL SERVER AND THIS DISTRIBUTION LIST EMAIL ADDRESS BE ENTERED ON THE ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE PAGE.
PROVIDERS AND TRADING PARTNERS MAY UPDATE THEIR EMAIL BY LOGGING ONTO THE PROVIDER WEB PORTAL. WEBSITE:
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NAVIGATION: ACCOUNT > ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE

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#10 ATTENTION: ALL VFC PROVIDERS (2013−004)

DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF PENTACEL, (WHICH INCLUDES DTAP/IPV/HIB) MEDICAID WILL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING CODES EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013:
90648 − HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA TYPE B (ACTHIB)(PRIMARY DOSE) CAN BE BILLED WITH 90713 (IPV , AND 90700 (DTAP)
90696 − KINRIX (DTAP−IPV) IS INDICATED AS A BOOSTER DOSE FOR CHILDREN 4 THROUGH 6 YEARS OF AGE (PRIOR TO 7 YEARS OF AGE)− CAN BE BILLED WITH 90648 (HIB)
90723 − PEDIARIX (DTAP−HEP B−IPV) CAN BE BILLED WITH 90648 (HIB)
90647 − HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA TYPE B (PEDVAX) CAN BE BILLED WITH 90713 (IPV), 90700 (DTAP
90700 − DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (DTAP) (0YR−6YR) CAN BE BILLED WITH 90713 (IPV) AND 90648 (HIB)
90713 − POLIOMYELITIS (IPV) CAN BE BILLED WITH 90700 (DTAP) AND 90648 (HIB)
THESE VACCINES WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE VACCINE LIST.

#11 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2013−004)

THE NEW CPT CODES FOR 2013 HAVE BEEN LOADED INTO MEDICAID?S CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM; HOWEVER, PRICES HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE, CLAIMS SUBMITTED WITH THE NEW 2013 CPT/HCPCS CODES WILL SUSPEND UNTIL A PRICE IS LOADED INTO THE SYSTEM.

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#12 ATTENTION: DENTAL PROVIDERS (2013−014)

DUE TO CHANGES IN THE 2013 ADA PRACTICAL GUIDE TO DENTAL PROCEDURES, CDT CODES D1203 ? TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE−CHILD, AND D1204−TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE−ADULT HAVE BEEN DELETED AND REPLACED WITH CDT CODE D1208. EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, PROVIDERS SHOULD BILL CDT CODE D1208−TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE WHEN TOPICAL APPLICATION OF FLUORIDE IS PROVIDED. THIS CODE IS COVERED FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS UP TO THE AGE OF 21. IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO SHARON MOORE−GRIMES @ 334−353−5263 OR VIA E−MAIL AT SHARON.MOORE−GRIMES@MEDICAIDALABAMA.GOV.

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 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (173)

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#8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−342)

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NAVIGATION: ACCOUNT > ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE

December 14, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL LAB PROVIDERS (229)

EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER 09/01/2012: AUDIT 5490 LAB−CHLAMYDIA/GONORREHA CONTRA (A CONTRA AUDIT) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DENY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF PROCEDURE 87491 (CHLAMYDIA) OR 87591 (GONORRHEA) WHEN BILLED ON THE SAME DATE OF SERVICE FOR ANY 1 PATIENT. IF BOTH PROCEDURES HAVE THE SAME DATE OF SERVICE, PROCEDURE CODE 87801 SHOULD BE USED. IF THESE PROCEDURES ARE BILLED TOGETHER, ONLY ONE PROCEDURE WILL BE PAID.
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#13 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−342)

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#14 ATTENTION: VFC PROVIDERS (2012−349)

DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF PENTACEL (PROCEDURE CODE 90698), MEDICAID HAS TEMPORARILY REMOVED THE FOLLOWING VACCINE CODES FROM THE VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) LIST EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013:
CPT−4 PROCEDURE CODE / IMMUNIZATION
−90647 / HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA TYPE B (PEDVAX)
−90648 / HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA TYPE B (ACTHIB)(PRIMARY DOSE). EFFECTIVE 08/19/09, HIBIRIX BOOSTER DOSE FOR AGES 15 MONTHS ? 4YEARS. THE ACIP RECOMMENDS BOOSTER DOSE BETWEEN 12 MONTHS AND 4 YEARS OF AGE.
−90696 / KINRIX (DTAP−IPV) IS INDICATED AS A BOOSTER DOSE FOR CHILDREN 4 THROUGH 6 YEARS OF AGE (PRIOR TO 7 YEARS OF AGE)− EFFECTIVE 06/26/2008
−90700 / DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (DTAP) (0YR−6YR)
−90713 / POLIOMYELITIS (IPV)
−90723 / PEDIARIX (DTAP−HEP B−IPV)
−90744 / HEPATITIS B VACCINE (HEP B)
VFC PROVIDERS MAY BILL THESE CODES SEPARATELY UNTIL APRIL 1, 2013. IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO TONI HOPGOOD AT 334−353−4724 OR VIA E−MAIL AT TONI.HOPGOOD@MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV .

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL LAB PROVIDERS (229)

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 # 6 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (159)

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#10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−304)

EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER 10/24/2012: AUDIT 5664 INITIAL OFFICE VISIT/ PRIOR VISIT CONTRA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DENY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF AN INITIAL OFFICE VISIT PROCEDURE (99201 − 99205) WHEN BILLED FOR THE SAME RECIPIENT, BY THE SAME BILLING PROVIDER, SAME RENDERING PROVIDER SPECIALTY, WITHIN 3 (THREE) YEARS AFTER ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFICE, HOSPITAL, OR NURSING HOME EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE (99211 − 99499).

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT HP PROVIDER ASSISTANCE CENTER AT 1?800?688?7989.
EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER 10/24/2012: AUDIT 5665 PRIOR VISIT/INITIAL OFFICE VISIT CONTRA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DENY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF SUBSEQUENT OFFICE, HOSPITAL, OR NURSING HOME EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE (99211 − 99499) IS BILLED FOR THE SAME RECIPIENT, BY THE SAME BILLING PROVIDER, SAME RENDERING PROVIDER, PROVIDER SPECIALTY, ANYTIME WITHIN 3 (YEARS) PRIOR TO AN INITIAL OFFICE VISIT PROCEDURE (99201 − 99205). FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT HP PROVIDER ASSISTANCE CENTER AT 1?800?688?7989.
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 # 7 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

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#10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012−304)

EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER 10/24/2012: AUDIT 5664 INITIAL OFFICE VISIT/ PRIOR VISIT CONTRA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DENY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF AN INITIAL OFFICE VISIT PROCEDURE (99201 − 99205) WHEN BILLED FOR THE SAME RECIPIENT, BY THE SAME BILLING PROVIDER, SAME RENDERING PROVIDER SPECIALTY, WITHIN 3 (THREE) YEARS AFTER ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFICE, HOSPITAL, OR NURSING HOME EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE (99211 − 99499).

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT HP PROVIDER ASSISTANCE CENTER AT 1?800?688?7989.
EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER 10/24/2012: AUDIT 5665 PRIOR VISIT/INITIAL OFFICE VISIT CONTRA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DENY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF SUBSEQUENT OFFICE, HOSPITAL, OR NURSING HOME EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE (99211 − 99499) IS BILLED FOR THE SAME RECIPIENT, BY THE SAME BILLING PROVIDER, SAME RENDERING PROVIDER, PROVIDER SPECIALTY, ANYTIME WITHIN 3 (YEARS) PRIOR TO AN INITIAL OFFICE VISIT PROCEDURE (99201 − 99205). FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT HP PROVIDER ASSISTANCE CENTER AT 1?800?688?7989.

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL LAB PROVIDERS (229)

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 # 3 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (173)

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 # 3 ATTENTION: ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS (215)

ALABAMA MEDICAID IS AWARE OF AN ISSUE WHERE 5010 MEDICARE CROSSOVER (COBA) ANESTHESIA CLAIMS PAID INCORRECTLY. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RESUBMIT THESE CROSSOVER CLAIMS FOR REPROCESSING, WE ARE SYSTEMATICALLY REPROCESSING THESE CLAIMS TO ENSURE THEY ARE PAID BY 15 MINUTE UNITS INSTEAD OF ACTUAL MINUTES. THE ADJUSTMENTS WILL APPEAR ON YOUR REMITTANCE ADVICE(S) IN THE ADJUSTMENTS SECTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THESE CLAIMS, CONTACT OUR PROVIDER ASSISTANCE CENTER AT 1−800−688−7989.

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 # 2 ATTENTION : ALL PROVIDERS

THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY AND HP ENTERPRISE SERVICES (HPES) WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2012 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. THE EMC HELPDESK WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. AND CAN BE REACHED AT 1-800-456-1242.

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 # 3 ATTENTION: ALL LAB PROVIDERS (229)

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 # 9 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (124)

ALABAMA MEDICAID IS AWARE OF AN ISSUE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MEDICARE CROSSOVER CLAIMS ON THE REMITTANCE ADVICE (RA). DUE TO RECENT 5010 CHANGES MADE WITHIN OUR EDI TRANSLATOR THAT CHECKS TO ENSURE CLAIMS BALANCE PROPERLY BASED ON THE GUIDELINES OUTLINED WITHIN THE HIPAA GUIDES COBA CLAIMS ARE FAILING COMPLIANCE. ALABAMA MEDICAID HAS RELAXED SOME OF THESE EDITS FOR 837I AND 837P COBA CLAIMS AND HAS BEGUN TO REPROCESS COBA FILES THAT FAILED. HOWEVER THIS WILL PRODUCE DUPLICATE CLAIM RECORDS FOR SOME PROVIDERS AND THESE WILL APPEAR ON THE RA?S AS MULTIPLE RECORDS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN AN 837I OR 837P BATCH FILE AND ONLY THE ONES THAT PASS COMPLIANCE ARE ADJUDICATED. AT THIS TIME ANY FILE THAT CONTAINS FAILED RECORDS WILL BE REPROCESSED.

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 # 6 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (159)

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 # 7 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (124)

ALABAMA MEDICAID IS AWARE OF AN ISSUE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MEDICARE CROSSOVER CLAIMS ON THE REMITTANCE ADVICE (RA). DUE TO RECENT 5010 CHANGES MADE WITHIN OUR EDI TRANSLATOR THAT CHECKS TO ENSURE CLAIMS BALANCE PROPERLY BASED ON THE GUIDELINES OUTLINED WITHIN THE HIPAA GUIDES COBA CLAIMS ARE FAILING COMPLIANCE. ALABAMA MEDICAID HAS RELAXED SOME OF THESE EDITS FOR 837I AND 837P COBA CLAIMS AND HAS BEGUN TO REPROCESS COBA FILES THAT FAILED. HOWEVER THIS WILL PRODUCE DUPLICATE CLAIM RECORDS FOR SOME PROVIDERS AND THESE WILL APPEAR ON THE RA?S AS MULTIPLE RECORDS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN AN 837I OR 837P BATCH FILE AND ONLY THE ONES THAT PASS COMPLIANCE ARE ADJUDICATED. AT THIS TIME ANY FILE THAT CONTAINS FAILED RECORDS WILL BE REPROCESSED.

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 # 9 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

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July 06, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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#3 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (159)

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June 08, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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4 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (138)

AS A RESULT OF GENERAL FUND PRORATION DECLARED ON MARCH 16, 2012, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT CUTS TO ITS OVERALL BUDGET. AFTER PROGRAM IMPACT ANALYSIS AND MULTIPLE PROVIDER MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS, THE AGENCY WILL IMPLEMENT THESE CUTS IN THREE WAYS:
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−PHYSICIANS
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−OTHER LICENSED PRACTITIONERS
−MATERNITY PRIMARY CONTRACTORS (EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 2012 0REDUCTION IN SERVICES TO ADULTS (BENEFITS TO CHILDREN REMAIN UNCHANGED)
0CHANGE COVERAGE OF ROUTINE EYE EXAMS AND WORK−UP FOR REFRACTIVE ERROR TO ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS (NOW ONE EYE EXAM EVERY TWO YEARS)
0END COVERAGE OF EYEGLASSES AS A BENEFIT (NOW ONE PAIR EVERY TWO YEARS)
0LIMIT DRUGS TO ONE BRAND−NAME DRUG PER MONTH; GENERICS AND COVERED OTCs REMAIN UNLIMITED. ALLOWANCES WILL REMAIN FOR UP TO 10 BRANDS PER MONTH FOR ANTIPSYCHOTICS,
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EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE ABOVE, THESE REDUCTIONS WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2012.

 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (124)'

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 # 6 ATTENTION: HOSPITALS (110)

THE PRESENT ON ADMISSION (POA) INDICATOR IS DEFINED AS A SET OF SPECIFIED CONDITIONS THAT ARE PRESENT AT THE TIME THE ORDER FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL OCCURS.

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1−UNREPORTED/NOT USED. EXEMPT FROM POA REPORTING.

IF THE VALUE CODE '81' IS INDICATED, THEN NON−COVERED DAYS MUST BE PRESENT AND THE AMOUNT FIELD MUST BE GREATER THAN '0.'

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 # 9 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

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May 18, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (061)

THE MEDICAID AGENCY HAS IMPLEMENTED THE CAPABILITY WITHIN THE PROVIDER WEB PORTAL TO ALLOW YOU TO UPDATE YOUR SERVICE LOCATION CONTACT INFORMATION, PAYEE AND MAILING ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS.TO ACCESS THIS FUNCTIONALITY, AFTER SIGNING INTO THE SECURE WEB PORTAL, CLICK "PROVIDERS ON THE TOP MENU BAR. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, UPDATE IT AND IMMEDIATELY SEE THE CHANGED DATA. PAPER UPDATES FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 12, 2012. YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY ALLOWED TO UPDATE YOUR SERVICE LOCATION ADDRESS VIA THE WEB PORTAL AND MUST CONTINUE TO CONTACT PROVIDER ENROLLMENT TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES.

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#6 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (075)

VERSION 3.0 OF THE PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE, TO SUPPORT X12 5010 AND NCPDP BATCH 1.2, AND CORRESPONDING PES USERS MANUAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE. ALL USERS MUST BE USING VERSION 3.0 BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2012. NEW USERS CAN INSTALL VERSION 3.0. EXISTING USERS CAN UPGRADE FROM VERSION 2.16. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE ALERT 6264 ON THE ALABAMA MEDICAID WEBSITE AT http://medicaid.alabama.gov/news_detail.aspx?ID=6264. FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, OR TO REQUEST THE SOFTWARE ON CD, CONTACT THE EMC HELPDESK AT 1−800−456−1242 OR E−MAIL ADDRESS: AlabamaSystemsEMC@hp.com.

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7 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE 'CLAIM IN PROCESS' SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656

AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.

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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL IS UPDATED QUARTERLY AND POSTED ON THE

MEDICAID WEBSITE AT WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV. THE APRIL 2012 QUARTERLY UPDATES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.

April 20, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS

THE RELEASE OF DIRECT DEPOSITS AND CHECKS FOR THIS REMITTANCE ADVICE (RA) DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. THE RELEASE OF FUNDS IS NORMALLY THE SECOND MONDAY AFTER THE RA DATE. PLEASE VERIFY DIRECT DEPOSIT STATUS WITH YOUR BANK. GO TO www.medicaid.alabamagov TO VIEW THE PAYMENT DELAY UPDATE DETAILS. PAYMENT ALERTS WILL BE POSTED ONLY IF THERE WILL BE A PAYMENT DELAY.

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 # 2 ATTENTION: HOSPITALS (110)

THE PRESENT ON ADMISSION (POA) INDICATOR IS DEFINED AS A SET OF SPECIFIED CONDITIONS THAT ARE PRESENT AT THE TIME THE ORDER FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL OCCURS.

Y−YES DIAGNOSIS WAS PRESENT AT TIME OF INPATIENT ADMISSION.

N−NO DIAGNOSIS WAS NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF INPATIENT ADMISSION.

U−NO INFORMATION IN THE RECORD. DOCUMENTATION INSUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE IF THE CONDITION WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME OF INPATIENT ADMISSION. W−CLINICALLY UNDETERMINED. PROVIDER UNABLE TO CLINICALLY DETERMINE WHETHER THE CONDITION WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME OF INPATIENT ADMISSION. 1−UNREPORTED/NOT USED. EXEMPT FROM POA REPORTING. IF THE VALUE CODE ’81’ IS INDICATED, THEN NON−COVERED DAYS MUST BE PRESENT AND THE AMOUNT FIELD MUST BE GREATER THAN ‘0.’

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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (061)

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 # 9 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (075)

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10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE ’CLAIM IN PROCESS’ SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656

AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.

April 06, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS

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5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (061)

THE MEDICAID AGENCY HAS IMPLEMENTED THE CAPABILITY WITHIN THE PROVIDER WEB PORTAL TO ALLOW YOU TO UPDATE YOUR SERVICE LOCATION CONTACT INFORMATION, PAYEE AND MAILING ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS.

TO ACCESS THIS FUNCTIONALITY, AFTER SIGNING INTO THE SECURE WEB PORTAL, CLICK "PROVIDERS ON THE TOP MENU BAR. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, UPDATE IT AND IMMEDIATELY SEE THE CHANGED DATA.

PAPER UPDATES FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 12, 2012. YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY ALLOWED TO UPDATE YOUR SERVICE LOCATION ADDRESS VIA THE WEB PORTAL AND MUST CONTINUE TO CONTACT PROVIDER ENROLLMENT TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES.

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 # 6 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (061)

VERSION 3.0 OF THE PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE, TO SUPPORT X12 5010 AND NCPDP BATCH 1.2, AND CORRESPONDING PES USERS MANUAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE. ALL USERS MUST BE USING VERSION 3.0 BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2012. NEW USERS CAN INSTALL VERSION 3.0. EXISTING USERS CAN UPGRADE FROM VERSION 2.16. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE ALERT 6264 ON THE ALABAMA MEDICAID WEBSITE AT http://medicaid.alabama.gov/news_detail.aspx?ID=6264.

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 # 7 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE 'CLAIM IN PROCESS' SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTIONON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656 AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CANTAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.

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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL IS UPDATED QUARTERLY AND POSTED ON THE MEDICAID WEBSITE AT WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV. THE APRIL 2012 QUARTERLY UPDATES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.

March 16, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS

THE RELEASE OF DIRECT DEPOSITS AND CHECKS FOR THIS REMITTANCE ADVICE (RA) DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. THE RELEASE OF FUNDS IS NORMALLY THE SECOND MONDAY AFTER THE RA DATE. PLEASE VERIFY DIRECT DEPOSIT STATUS WITH YOUR BANK. GO TO www.medicaid.alabamagov TO VIEW THE PAYMENT DELAY UPDATE DETAILS. PAYMENT ALERTS WILL BE POSTED ONLY IF THERE WILL BE A PAYMENT DELAY.

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (006)

THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR 5010 TRANSACTIONS HAS PASSED. THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) ANNOUNCED THAT COVERED ENTITIES THAT ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH 5010 WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES ON MARCH 31, 2012.
THIS IS THE FINAL CHECK WRITE (MARCH 16) BEFORE THE 4010 SHUTDOWN. THE LAST 4010 835 WILL BE MARCH 16, 2012. 4010 TRANSACTIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AFTER MIDNIGHT MARCH 30, 2012.

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 # 6 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (061)

ALABAMA MEDICAID WILL COMPLETE UPDATES TO DISCONTINUE SUPPORT OF X12 4010, NCPDP INTERACTIVE 5.1, AND NCPDP BATCH 1.1 TRANSACTIONS BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2012.
TO PREPARE FOR THE TRANSITION PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM DOWNTIMES FOR THE UAT AND PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENTS:
USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING: DOWN MARCH 28, 2012 FROM NOON TO 3:00 P.M.
PRODUCTION: DOWN MARCH 31, 2012 FROM 12:00 A.M. TO 5:00 A.M.
ANY X12 4010, NCPDP 5.1 OR NCPDP 1.1 TRANSACTIONS RECEIVED IN THESE ENVIRONMENTS, DURING
OR AFTER THIS DOWNTIME, WILL BE REJECTED. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES WILL BE SENT DEPENDING ON THE METHOD OF TRANSMISSION:
−−X12 INTERACTIVE − MESSAGE ‘HTTP/1.1 503 SERVICE UNAVAILABLE’.
−−X12 BATCH − A TA1 WILL BE RETURNED WITH ERROR CODE 17 − INVALID VERSION.
−−NCPDP (BATCH AND INTERACTIVE) − NCPDP RESPONSE RETURNED WITH ERROR CODE 02 − M/I
VERSION/RELEASE NUMBER. BATCH RESPONSE IS AVAILABLE FOR RETRIEVAL IN DOWNLOAD DIRECTORY
−−PES − VERSION 3.0, AVAILABLE MARCH 2012, WILL BE 5010 ONLY.
−−WEB PORTAL − CURRENTLY 5010 ONLY, BUT WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING DOWNTIME. A BANNER
WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB A WEEK PRIOR.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FINAL TWO FINANCIAL CYCLES, WHERE BOTH 4010 AND 5010 835 TRANSACTIONS WILL BE PRODUCED, OCCUR MARCH 2 AND MARCH 16. BEGINNING APRIL 6, 2012,
ONLY 5010 VERSIONS OF THE 835 TRANSACTION WILL BE PRODUCED.
FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTINUE TO VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE (HTTP://WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV/CONTENT/6.0_PROVIDERS/6.5_HIPAA_5010.ASPX)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE THROUGHOUT OUR 5010 IMPLEMENTATION.# 7 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (061)
THE MEDICAID AGENCY HAS IMPLEMENTED THE CAPABILITY WITHIN THE PROVIDER WEB PORTAL

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#11 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

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MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656 AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.
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#12 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)
THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL IS UPDATED QUARTERLY AND POSTED ON THE MEDICAID WEBSITE AT WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV. THE JANUARY 2012 QUARTERLY UPDATES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.

ALLOW YOU TO UPDATE YOUR SERVICE LOCATION CONTACT INFORMATION, PAYEE AND MAILING ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS.
TO ACCESS THIS FUNCTIONALITY, AFTER SIGNING INTO THE SECURE WEB PORTAL, CLICK "PROVIDERS ON THE TOP MENU BAR. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, UPDATE IT AND IMMEDIATELY SEE THE CHANGED DATA.
PAPER UPDATES FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 12, 2012.
YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY ALLOWED TO UPDATE YOUR SERVICE LOCATION ADDRESS VIA THE WEB PORTAL AND MUST CONTINUE TO CONTACT PROVIDER ENROLLMENT TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES.
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 # 8 ATTENTION: DME PROVIDERS (006)
EFFECTIVE 1/1/2010, PROCEDURE CODE E2399, NOC INTERFACE , IS NO LONGER A COVERED PROCEDURE CODE. PLEASE REVIEW THE UPDATED DME FEE SCHEDULE AT THIS LINK ON THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE,
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/6.0_Providers/6.6_Fee_Schedules/6.6 DME_Fee_Schedule_7−1−11.pdf FOR COVERAGE, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND PRICING INFORMATION FOR PROCEDURE CODES.
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 # 9 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (252)
HIPAA X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDERS AND VENDORS. TESTING
5010 AND NCPDP TRANSACTIONS IS REQUIRED AND HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.
THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR TESTING THROUGH THE TRADE
FILES OPTION VIA THE TESTING WEBSITE:
−−270 ELIGIBILITY REQUEST/271 ELIGIBILITY RESPONSE
−−276 CLAIM STATUS REQUEST/277 CLAIM STATUS RESPONSE
−−278 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND RESPONSE
−−837 PROFESSIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND DENTAL CLAIM SUBMISSION
−−NCPDP D.0 B1, B2, E1 PHARMACY SUBMISSIONS
−−835 ELECTRONIC REMITTANCE ADVICE
−−TA1 INTERCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
−−999 FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TRANSACTION
THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR TESTING INTERACTIVELY:
−−270 ELIGIBILITY REQUEST/271 ELIGIBILITY RESPONSE
−−276 CLAIM STATUS REQUEST/277 CLAIM STATUS RESPONSE
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE:
http://www.medicaid.alabama
gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.5_HIPAA_5010.aspx#10 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (075)
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BATCH 1.2, AND CORRESPONDING PES USERS MANUAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE. ALL USERS MUST BE
USING VERSION 3.0 BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2012. NEW USERS CAN INSTALL VERSION 3.0.

EXISTING USERS CAN UPGRADE FROM VERSION 2.16. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE ALERT 6264 ON THE ALABAMA MEDICAID WEBSITE AT
http://medicaid.alabama.gov/news_detail.aspx?ID=6264.
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March 2, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS
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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012-006)
THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR 5010 TRANSACTIONS HAS PASSED. THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) ANNOUNCED THAT COVERED ENTITIES THAT ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH 5010 WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES ON MARCH 31, 2012.
THERE IS ONLY ONE CHECK WRITE REMAINING (MARCH 16) BEFORE THE 4010 SHUTDOWN. THE LAST 4010 835 WILL BE MARCH 16, 2012.
4010 TRANSACTIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AFTER MIDNIGHT MARCH 30, 2012.
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 # 3 ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS (2011-075)
EFFECTIVE 1/1/2012, J0897, DENOSUMAB 1 MG, WILL BE COVERED FOR FULL MEDICAID WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:
DIAGNOSIS CODES 174.0-174.9 (WITH V07.52 AS SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS), 185 (WITH V07.59 AS SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS), 198.5, 733.10-733.19, 170.0-170.9.
MAX QUANTITY 120, AGES 18-999. THE HP SYSTEM HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO ACCEPT CLAIMS WITH THE APPROVED DIAGNOSIS CODES FOR J0897. FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT HP PROVIDER ASSISTANCE AT 1-800-688-7989.
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 # 4 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012 - 061)
ALABAMA MEDICAID WILL COMPLETE UPDATES TO DISCONTINUE SUPPORT OF X12 4010, NCPDP INTERACTIVE 5.1, AND NCPDP BATCH 1.1 TRANSACTIONS BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2012.
TO PREPARE FOR THE TRANSITION PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM DOWNTIMES FOR THE UAT AND PRODUCTION ENVIRONMENTS:
USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING: DOWN MARCH 28, 2012 FROM NOON TO 3:00 P.M.
PRODUCTION: DOWN MARCH 31, 2012 FROM 12:00 A.M. TO 5:00 A.M.
ANY X12 4010, NCPDP 5.1 OR NCPDP 1.1 TRANSACTIONS RECEIVED IN THESE ENVIRONMENTS, DURING OR AFTER THIS DOWNTIME, WILL BE REJECTED. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES WILL BE SENT DEPENDING ON THE METHOD OF TRANSMISSION:• X12 INTERACTIVE – MESSAGE ‘HTTP/1.1 503 SERVICE UNAVAILABLE’.
• X12 BATCH – A TA1 WILL BE RETURNED WITH ERROR CODE 17 – INVALID VERSION.
• NCPDP (BATCH AND INTERACTIVE) – NCPDP RESPONSE RETURNED WITH ERROR CODE 02 – M/I VERSION/RELEASE NUMBER. BATCH RESPONSE IS AVAILABLE FOR RETRIEVAL IN DOWNLOAD DIRECTORY.
• PES –VERSION 3.0, AVAILABLE MARCH 2012, WILL BE 5010 ONLY.
• WEB PORTAL – CURRENTLY 5010 ONLY, BUT WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING DOWNTIME. A BANNER WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB A WEEK PRIOR.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FINAL TWO FINANCIAL CYCLES, WHERE BOTH 4010 AND

5010 835 TRANSACTIONS WILL BE PRODUCED, OCCUR MARCH 2 AND MARCH 16.
BEGINNING APRIL 6, 2012, ONLY 5010 VERSIONS OF THE 835 TRANSACTION WILL BE PRODUCED.
FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTINUE TO VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE (HTTP://WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV/CONTENT/6.0_PROVIDERS/6.5_HIPAA_5010.ASPX)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE THROUGOUT OUR 5010 IMPLEMENTATION.
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 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012-061)

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 # 7 ATTENTION: DME PROVIDERS (2012-006)

EFFECTIVE 1/1/2010, PROCEDURE CODE E2399, NOC INTERFACE , IS NO LONGER A COVERED PROCEDURE CODE. PLEASE REVIEW THE UPDATED DME FEE SCHEDULE AT THIS LINK ON THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE,
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/6.0_Providers/6.6_Fee_Schedules/6.6_DME_Fee_Schedule_7-1-11.pdf
FOR COVERAGE, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND PRICING INFORMATION FOR PROCEDURE CODES.
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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2011-252)

HIPAA X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDERS AND VENDORS. TESTING 5010 AND NCPDP TRANSACTIONS IS REQUIRED AND HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.
THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR TESTING THROUGH THE TRADE FILES OPTION VIA THE TESTING WEBSITE:
• 270 ELIGIBILITY REQUEST/271 ELIGIBILITY RESPONSE
• 276 CLAIM STATUS REQUEST/277 CLAIM STATUS RESPONSE
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• 837 PROFESSIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND DENTAL CLAIM SUBMISSION
• NCPDP D.0 B1, B2, E1 PHARMACY SUBMISSIONS
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• TA1 INTERCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
• 999 FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TRANSACTION
THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR TESTING INTERACTIVELY:
• 270 ELIGIBILITY REQUEST/271 ELIGIBILITY RESPONSE
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE:
http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.5_HIPAA_5010.aspx

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 # 9 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (2011-126)

VERSION 3.0 OF THE PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE, TO SUPPORT X12 5010 AND NCPDP BATCH 1.2, AND CORRESPONDING PES USERS MANUAL, WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 2012. ALL USERS MUST BE USING VERSION 3.0 BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2012. NEW USERS CAN INSTALL VERSION 3.0. EXISTING USERS CAN UPGRADE FROM VERSION 2.16.

TO PREPARE FOR VERSION 3.0, EXISTING USERS MUST HAVE UPGRADED TO VERSION 2.16. THE UPGRADE AND FULL INSTALL, ALONG WITH THE USERS MANUAL, CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE MEDICAID WEBSITE AT WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV. CLICK ‘PROVIDERS,' SELECT ‘PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE.’ SCROLL DOWN TO THE SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD SECTION TO DOWNLOAD THE SOFTWARE. WHEN APPLYING THE UPGRADE, YOU MUST UPGRADE TO 2.15 BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO UPGRADE TO 2.16. FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, OR TO REQUEST THE SOFTWARE ON CD, CONTACT THE EMC HELPDESK AT 1-800-456-1242 OR E-MAIL ADDRESS: AlabamaSystemsEMC@hp.com.

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#10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2009-338)

PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE 'CLAIM IN PROCESS' SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656) AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.

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#11 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2009-093)

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February 17, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS
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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2012-006)
THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR 5010 TRANSACTIONS HAS PASSED. THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) ANNOUNCED THAT COVERED ENTITIES THAT ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH 5010 WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES ON MARCH 31, 2012.
THERE ARE ONLY TWO CHECK WRITES REMAINING (MARCH 2 AND MARCH 16) BEFORE THE 4010 SHUTDOWN. THE LAST 4010 835 WILL BE MARCH 16, 2012.
4010 TRANSACTIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AFTER MIDNIGHT MARCH 30, 2012.
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 # 3 ATTENTION: DME PROVIDERS (2012-34)
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL MASTECTOMY FITTERS MUST BE LICENSED BY THE ALABAMA BOARD OF PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHOTISTS.
FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAW AND RULE FOR MASTECTOMY FITTERS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GO TO THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHTOTISTS WEB SITE AT www.apob.alabama.gov. CLICK ON LAW AND REFER TO SECTIONS 34-25A-3, 34-25A-5, 34-25A-7, AND 34-25A-13.1. CLICK ON RULES AND GO TO CHAPTER 746-X-8 LICENSURE OF MASTECTOMY FITTERS, AS IT SETS FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DESIRES TO BE A MASTECTOMY FITTER AS DEFINED IN THE CODE OF ALABAMA 1975
RONNIE EZELL
, SECTION 34-25A-
3(6).IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING LICENSURE OF MASTECTOMY FITTERS, PLEASE CONTACT:
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PROTHETISTS AND ORTHOTISTS
(OFFICE) 334-420-1111
(EMAIL) rezell113@aol.com
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 # 4 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS: (2012-006)
ON JANUARY 9, 2012, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY WILL IMPLEMENTED AN ELECTRONIC PROVIDER ENROLLMENT APPLICATION. PAPER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH JANUARY 23, 2012, WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROCESSED. ANY PAPER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 24, 2012 WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED, AND PROVIDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE WEB PORTAL APPLICATION TO ENROLL WITH MEDICAID.
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 # 5 ATTENTION: DME PROVIDERS (006)
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February 3, 2012 EOP Mini-Messages

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FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAW AND RULE FOR MASTECTOMY FITTERS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GO TO THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHTOTISTS WEB SITE AT www.apob.alabama.gov. CLICK ON LAW AND REFER TO SECTIONS 34-25A-3, 34-25A-5, 34-25A-7, AND 34-25A-13.1. CLICK ON RULES AND GO TO CHAPTER 746-X-8 LICENSURE OF MASTECTOMY FITTERS, AS IT SETS FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DESIRES TO BE A MASTECTOMY FITTER AS DEFINED IN THE CODE OF ALABAMA 1975
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b(EMAIL) rezell113@aol.com
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EFFECTIVE WITH THE DECEMBER 2011 RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW, QUALIS HEALTH

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3.0 WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL ALABAMA MEDICAID IS READY TO ACCEPT 5010 PRODUCTION TRANSACTIONS.
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#12 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2009-338)

PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE 'CLAIM IN PROCESS' SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656) AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.
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#13 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (2009-093)

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December 17, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS
THE RELEASE OF DIRECT DEPOSITS AND CHECKS FOR THIS REMITTANCE ADVICE (RA) DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. THE RELEASE OF FUNDS IS NORMALLY THE SECOND MONDAY AFTER THE RA DATE. PLEASE VERIFY DIRECT DEPOSIT STATUS WITH YOUR BANK. GO TO WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV TO VIEW THE PAYMENT DELAY UPDATE DETAILS. PAYMENT ALERTS WILL BE POSTED ONLY IF THERE WILL BE A PAYMENT DELAY.
BANNER # 2
ORIGINATOR: SMJ
ALL RA INDICATOR: YES
TO DATE: 12/31/2299
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 # 2 ATTENTION: EYE CARE PROVIDERS (337)
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2010, PROCEDURE CODE V2020 (VISION SERVICES FRAMES PURCHASE) WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF $13.95 PER 1 UNIT.
BANNER # 45
ORIGINATOR: BNP
ALL RA INDICATOR: NO
AUDIENCE: SP 190 (OPTICIANS); SP 180 (OPTOMETRISTS); SP 330 (OPTHALMOLOGISTS)
TO DATE: 12/31/2299
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 # 3 TO: ALL PROVIDERS (323)
THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE 5010 TRANSACTIONS. THE TESTING FOR THE PROVIDER AND VENDOR COMMUNITY IS EXPECTED TO START BY THE SUMMER OF 2011. ONCE A FIRM START DATE FOR TESTING HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY WILL NOTIFY PROVIDERS AND VENDORS THROUGH THE USE OF MAIL, EMAIL, WEBSITE NOTICES, AND THE "PROVIDER INSIDER" PUBLICATIONS.
BANNER # 43
ORIGINATOR: BNP
ALL RA INDICATOR: YES
TO DATE: 12/31/2299
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 # 4 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (295)
EFFECTIVE FOR CLAIMS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 17, 2011 – ALL CLAIMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE RECIPIENT'S CURRENT MEDICAID ID NUMBER WHICH BEGINS WITH A "5."
AS A RESULT OF ACT 2006-611, IN JANUARY 2007 THE MEDICAID ID NUMBERS (WHICH CONTAINED THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER) FOR ALL RECIPIENTS WERE CONVERTED TO NEW MEDICAID NUMBERS.
CLAIMS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 17, 2011 WILL BE DENIED IF SUBMITTED WITH THE OLD MEDICAID ID NUMBER WHICH BEGINS WITH "000."
BANNER # 41
ORIGINATOR: BNP/GMC
ALL RA INDICATOR: YES
TO DATE: 12/31/2299

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 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

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BANNER # 7

ORIGINATOR: C. CROCKETT/BNP

ALL RA INDICATOR: YES

TO DATE: 12/31/2299

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 # 6 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

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BANNER # 9

ORIGINATOR:

ALL RA INDICATOR: YES

TO DATE: 12/31/2299

December 02, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (336)
THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAYS: DECEMBER 23, 2011, DECEMBER 26, 2011, AND JANUARY 2, 2012.
HP ENTERPRISE SERVICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26, 2011 AND JANUARY 2, 2012. THE ELECTRONIC CLAIMS HELPDESK WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. AND CAN BE REACHED AT 1-800-456-1242.
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 # 3 ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS (336)
REGARDING: BILLING SUBSTITUTE PHYSICIAN SERVICES
THE REGULAR PHYSICIAN SHALL IDENTIFY THE SERVICES OF A SUBSTITUTE PHYSICIAN BY ENTERING HCPCS MODIFIER Q5 (SERVICE FURNISHED BY A SUBSTITUTE PHYSICIAN UNDER A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT) OR HCPCS MODIFIER Q6 (SERVICE FURNISHED BY A LOCUM TENENS PHYSICIAN) AFTER THE PROCEDURE CODE.
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 # 4 ATTENTION: DME PROVIDERS OF AUGMENTATIVE/ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICES (ACDS) (336)
PROVIDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO USE FORM 480, FOUND ON THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE
AT, http://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/5.0_Resources/5.4_Forms_Library/5.4.1_Billing/5.4.1_FILLABLE_ACD_Eval_Report_Form_3-29-11.pdf THIS FORM PROVIDES SPACE TO DOCUMENT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION REQUIRED AND SHOULD ALLOW FOR MORE EFFICIENT REVIEW OF ACD REQUESTS.
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 # 5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (336)
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012, PROCEDURE CODES 80100, 80101, AND 80104 WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE PER DAY, PER RECIPIENT, PER PROVIDER FOR EACH PROCEDURE CODE. PROVIDERS WITHIN THE SAME GROUP PRACTICE ARE CONSIDERED A SINGLE PROVIDER.
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6 ATTENTION: ALL DENTISTS (321)
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012, THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PROCEDURE CODE D3332 (INCOMPLETE ENDODONTIC TREATMENT) WILL BE REDUCED FROM $354.00 TO $177.00. THIS SERVICE IS FOR INCOMPLETE ENDODONTIC TREATMENT OF A PERMANENT TOOTH DUE TO THE TOOTH BECOMING INOPERABLE OR UNRESTORABLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CONTACT THE DENTAL PROGRAM, OR NIKKI SCOTT, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CLINIC SERVICES AT 334-353-5263.

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 # 7 ATTENTION: ALL HOSPITALS (321)

ZERO PAID VISITS PAST 3 REIMBURSEABLE NON CERTIFIED ER VISITS: EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011, HOSPITALS SHALL NOT BE PAID MORE THAN THREE NON-CERTIFIED EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS PER YEAR, BUT THE COSTS OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CARE SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND REPORTED TO ALABAMA MEDICAID AS A COST OF PROVIDING CARE TO MEDICAID ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.

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 # 8 ATTENTION: NURSING HOME PROVIDERS (321)

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TO HP WITH A COMPLETED COVERSHEET.
PLEASE CALL QUALIS HEALTH AT 1-888-213-7576 FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCESS.

 # 9 ATTENTION: NURSING HOME PROVIDERS (308)

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#10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (308)

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• WEB PORTAL DIRECT DATA ENTRY WILL NOW REFLECT CHANGES SO AS ONLY X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 ARE SUBMITTED.
• REMITTANCE ADVICE (835) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH X12 4010 AND X12 5010. • OTHER RESPONSES WILL BE RETURNED IN THE SAME VERSION AS WAS RECEIVED.

MEDICAID WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT BOTH X12 4010 AND X12 5010 AND BOTH NCPDP 5.1 AND NCPDP D.0 THROUGH DECEMBER 2011.
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012, ONLY X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 WILL BE PROCESSED. FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTINUE TO VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE (HTTP://WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV/CONTENT/6.0_PROVIDERS/6.5_HIPAA_501
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING OUR TRANSITION TO 5010 AND NCPDP D.0.

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#11 TO: ALL PROVIDERS (252)

HIPAA X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDERS AND VENDORS. TESTING 5010 AND NCPDP TRANSACTIONS IS REQUIRED AND HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

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• 276 CLAIM STATUS REQUEST/277 CLAIM STATUS RESPONSE
• 278 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND RESPONSE
• 837 PROFESSIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND DENTAL CLAIM SUBMISSION
• NCPDP D.0 B1, B2, E1 PHARMACY SUBMISSIONS
• 835 ELECTRONIC REMITTANCE ADVICE
• TA1 INTERCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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#12 ATTENTION PHARMACY PROVIDERS (280)

PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROGRAM ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN'S NPI OR LICENSE NUMBER WHEN FILING A CLAIM WITH THE AGENCY. A RECENT REVIEW OF PHARMACY BILLING PRACTICES FOUND THAT NUMEROUS PHARMACIES ARE USING AN INCORRECT PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN NUMBER ON CLAIMS SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2011, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY WILL NO LONGER RECOGNIZE PHYSICIAN LICENSE NUMBER 19776 ON ANY CLAIMS. PHARMACY PROVIDERS SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THEIR SOFTWARE VENDORS TO VALIDATE PHYSICIAN LICENSE NUMBER 19776 OR ANY OTHER 'PSEUDO NUMBER' IS NOT HARD CODED IN THEIR SYSTEM FOR ALABAMA MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING.

PROVIDERS ARE REMINDED THAT ANY PHARMACY CLAIM WITH AN INCORRECT PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN NUMBER IS SUBJECT TO RECOUPMENT. PHARMACIES WITH REPEATED VIOLATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THEIR MEDICAID PROVIDER AGREEMENT, AND REFERRAL TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

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#13 ATTENTION: ALL HOSPITALS (217)

HOSPITALS WILL NOT RECEIVE RATE LETTERS IN EITHER JUNE OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THE RATES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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#14 ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS (203)

*** * * INITIAL INPATIENT NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE * * ***

WHEN BILLING FOR INITIAL INPATIENT NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE CODES (99468, 99471, AND 99475) AND INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE (99221-99223) FOR THE SAME RECIPIENT AND SAME DATE OF SERVICE, PLEASE APPEND THE

MOST APPROPRIATE MODIFIER TO THE INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE CODE.
TO DATE: 12/31/2299

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#15 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (126)

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November 18, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS

THE RELEASE OF FUNDS IS NORMALLY THE SECOND MONDAY AFTER THE RA DATE. THE PAYMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 18, 2011 CHECKWRITE WILL BE RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2011. PLEASE VERIFY DIRECT DEPOSIT STATUS WITH YOUR BANK.

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AUDIENCE: PT 03 (Nursing Homes)**********

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 # 2 ATTENTION: NURSING HOME PROVIDERS (308)
EFFECTIVE WITH THE NOVEMBER 2011 AUDIT, PENALTIES FOR TIMELINESS WILL BE BASED UPON THE DATE THAT HP RECEIVES A RECORD WITH THE COVERSHEET AS THE FIRST PAGE, CORRECTLY COMPLETED, WHICH CAN BE ADDED ELECTRONICALLY. PROVIDER-CORRECTABLE ERRORS, SUCH AS MISSING THE 13TH DIGIT OF THE RECIPIENT'S MEDICAID ID, WILL RESULT IN HP RETURNING THE RECORD TO THE PROVIDER. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT THE COVER SHEET IS ON TOP. FAILURE TO MAIL A RECORD TO HP THAT CAN BE ADDED SUCCESSFULLY MAY RESULT IN A LATE PENALTY.
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 # 3 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (308)
TOTAL SYSTEM OUTAGE EXPECTED:
WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 BEGINNING AT 9:00 PM CENTRAL TIME
TO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 AT 6:00 AM CENTRAL TIME
ALABAMA MEDICAID WILL INSTALL UPDATES TO SUPPORT 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 TRANSACTIONS OVER THE VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND AS PART OF OVERALL SYSTEM UPGRADES.
DUE TO THIS UPGRADE, THE SYSTEM WILL BE UNAVAILABLE BETWEEN 9:00 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 AND 6:00 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011. DURING THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO CLAIMS AND ELIGIBILITY PROCESSINGS OR SYSTEM ACCESS BY ANY METHOD. SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE VIA BATCH, INTERACTIVE, PES OR WEB PORTAL, AND AVRS WILL BE DOWN.
THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA CLAIMS (EMC) HELPDESK TELEPHONE LINE WILL PROVIDE UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND AT 1-800-456-1242. THE MESSAGE WILL BE UPDATED AS SOON AS THE SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE.
ONCE COMPLETE, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE AVAILABLE:
• TRANSACTIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AS X12 4010 OR X12 5010 / NCPDP 5.1, OR NCPDP D.0.PES 2.16 WILL SUPPORT 4010 UNTIL PES 3.0 IS RELEASED. PES 3.0 WILL SUPPORT 5010 TRANSACTIONS. NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE.
• WEB PORTAL DIRECT DATA ENTRY WILL NOW REFLECT CHANGES SO AS ONLY X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 ARE SUBMITTED.
• AVRS WILL BE OPERATIONAL.
• REMITTANCE ADVICE (835) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH X12 4010 AND X12 5010.
• OTHER RESPONSES WILL BE RETURNED IN THE SAME VERSION AS WAS

RECEIVED.
MEDICAID WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT BOTH X12 4010 AND X12 5010 AND BOTH NCPDP 5.1 AND NCPDP D.0 THROUGH DECEMBER 2011.
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012, ONLY X12 5010 AND NCPDP D.0 WILL BE PROCESSED.FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTINUE TO VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE
(HTTP://WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV/CONTENT/6.0_PROVIDERS/6.5_HIPAA_5010.ASPX)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE TRANSITION TO 5010 AND NCPDP D.0.
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 # 4 ATTENTION PHARMACY PROVIDERS (280)

PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROGRAM ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN'S NPI OR LICENSE NUMBER WHEN FILING A CLAIM WITH THE AGENCY. A RECENT REVIEW OF PHARMACY BILLING PRACTICES FOUND THAT NUMEROUS PHARMACIES ARE USING AN INCORRECT PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN NUMBER ON CLAIMS SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2011, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY WILL NO LONGER RECOGNIZE PHYSICIAN LICENSE NUMBER 19776 ON ANY CLAIMS. PHARMACY PROVIDERS SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THEIR SOFTWARE VENDORS TO VALIDATE PHYSICIAN LICENSE NUMBER 19776 OR ANY OTHER 'PSEUDO NUMBER' IS NOT HARD CODED IN THEIR SYSTEM FOR ALABAMA MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING.
PROVIDERS ARE REMINDED THAT ANY PHARMACY CLAIM WITH AN INCORRECT PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN NUMBER IS SUBJECT TO RECOUPMENT. PHARMACIES WITH REPEATED VIOLATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVOCATION OF THEIR MEDICAID PROVIDER AGREEMENT, AND REFERRAL TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**********

 # 5 ATTENTION: AIR AND GROUND AMBULANCE PROVIDERS (252)
*** * * REMINDER * * ***

WHEN SUBMITTING A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ON FORM 342 THE DIAGNOSIS DESCRIPTION AND
ALSO, WHEN SUBMITTING PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION OR NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION ALL FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE ON THE CORRECT FORMS (I.E., AN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON THE EMERGENCY FORM AND A NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON A NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FORM) TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE REVIEW.
DIAGNOSIS CODE SHOULD BOTH BE ENTERED CORRECTLY ON THE FORM OR THE PA WILL DENY.
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 # 6 TO: ALL PROVIDERS (252)

HIPAA 5010 X12 AND NCPDP D.0 TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDERS AND VENDORS. TESTING 5010 AND NCPDP TRANSACTIONS IS REQUIRED AND HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.
THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR TESTING THROUGH THE TRADE FILES OPTION VIA THE TESTING WEBSITE:
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• 276 CLAIM STATUS REQUEST/277 CLAIM STATUS RESPONSE

• 278 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND RESPONSE
• 837 PROFESSIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND DENTAL CLAIM SUBMISSION
• NCPDP D.0 B1, B2, E1 PHARMACY SUBMISSIONS
• 835 ELECTRONIC REMITTANCE ADVICE
• TA1 INTERCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
• 999 FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TRANSACTION
THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR TESTING INTERACTIVELY:
• 270 ELIGIBILITY REQUEST/271 ELIGIBILITY RESPONSE
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE MEDICAID WEBSITE: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.5_HIPAA_5010.aspx**# 7**

ATTENTION: ALL HOSPITALS (217)

HOSPITALS WILL NOT RECEIVE RATE LETTERS IN EITHER JUNE OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THE RATES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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 # 8 ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS (203)

*****INITIAL INPATIENT NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE*****

WHEN BILLING FOR INITIAL INPATIENT NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE CODES (99468, 99471, AND 99475) AND INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE (99221-99223) FOR THE SAME RECIPIENT AND SAME DATE OF SERVICE, PLEASE APPEND THE MOST APPROPRIATE MODIFIER TO THE INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE CODE.

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 # 9 ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (126)

VERSION 2.16 OF THE PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE, UPGRADE AND FULL INSTALL, ALONG WITH THE USERS MANUAL CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE MEDICAID WEBSITE AT WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV. CLICK ‘PROVIDERS,' SELECT ‘PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE.’ SCROLL DOWN TO THE SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD SECTION, TO DOWNLOAD THE SOFTWARE.
WHEN APPLYING THE UPGRADE, YOU MUST UPGRADE TO 2.15 BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO UPGRADE TO 2.16.
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TO SUCCESSFULLY UPGRADE FROM 4010 PES TO 5010 PES THE LATEST VERSION OF 4010 MUST BE INSTALLED WHICH IS VERSION 2.16.
FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, OR TO REQUEST THE SOFTWARE ON CD, CONTACT THE EMC HELPDESK AT 1-800-456-1242 OR E-MAIL ADDRESS: AlabamaSystemsEMC@hp.com.

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#10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)

PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE 'CLAIM IN PROCESS' SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656) AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.

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#11 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)

THE ALABAMA MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL IS UPDATED QUARTERLY AND POSTED ON THE MEDICAID WEBSITE AT www.medicaid.alabama.gov. THE OCTOBER 2011 QUARTERLY UPDATES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.
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October 21, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 1 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS

THE RELEASE OF DIRECT DEPOSITS AND CHECKS FOR THIS REMITTANCE ADVICE (RA) DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. THE RELEASE OF FUNDS IS NORMALLY THE SECOND MONDAY AFTER THE RA DATE. PLEASE VERIFY DIRECT DEPOSIT STATUS WITH YOUR BANK. GO TO www.medicaid.alabama.gov TO VIEW THE PAYMENT DELAY UPDATE DETAILS. PAYMENT ALERTS WILL BE POSTED ONLY IF THERE WILL BE A PAYMENT DELAY.

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 # 2 ATTENTION: PHARMACY PROVIDERS (280)

IF YOU RECEIVED AN OVERPAYMENT LETTER FROM OPTUMINSIGHT AND DISAGREE WITH THE FINDINGS, YOU HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2011 TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION FOR AN INFORMAL REVIEW.

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 # 3 ATTENTION PHARMACY PROVIDERS (280)

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• TA1INTERCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
• 999 FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TRANSACTION

THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION TYPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTING
COMPLIANCE ONLY BEGINNING OCTOBER 12TH THROUGH THE TRADE FILES
OPTION VIA THE TESTING WEBSITE. PLEASE SUBMIT THESE TRANSACTIONS
WITH AN ISA15 INTERCHANGE USAGE INDICATOR VALUE OF A 'T'. ONLY A TA1
OR 999 WILL BE RETURNED FOR THESE TRANSACTIONS AT THIS TIME:

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 # 6 ATTENTION: ALL HOSPITALS (217)

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October 7, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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September 9, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 4 ATTENTION: NURSING HOME, HOSPICE, PEC AND SWING BED PROVIDERS (217)

*****REMINDER*****

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http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/5.0_Resources/5.4_Forms_Library/5.4.3_LTC_Forms.aspx
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 2011 RECORDS RECEIVED BY HP WITHOUT A COVER SHEET, OR THE INCORRECT COVER SHEET WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PROVIDER. FOR NURSING HOME PROVIDERS, THIS MAY RESULT IN PENALTIES FOR TIMELINESS FOR THE MONTHLY AUDIT.

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ATTENTION: HOSPICE PROVIDERS (203)

EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2011, REVISION TO FORM 165B – HOSPICE RECIPIENT STATUS CHANGE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE. THE FOLLOWING MEDICAID ONLY RECIPIENT CATEGORIES WERE ADDED:
-READMISSION AFTER UNRELATED HOSPITAL STAY
-DISCHARGE/REVOKE/DEATH
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SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL CARDWELL AT (334) 242-5578.

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August 19, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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August 5, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 2 ATTENTION: ALL HOSPITALS (217)

HOSPITALS WILL NOT RECEIVE RATE LETTERS IN EITHER JUNE OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THE RATES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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 # 3 ATTENTION: NURSING HOME, HOSPICE, PEC AND SWING BED PROVIDERS (217)
*****REMINDER*****

ALL RECORDS SHOULD BE SENT TO HP WITH THE CORRECT COVER SHEET FOUND ON THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE AT THIS LINK,
http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/5.0_Resources/5.4_Forms_Library/5.4.3_LTC_Forms.aspx
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 2011 RECORDS RECEIVED BY HP WITHOUT A COVER SHEET, OR THE INCORRECT COVER SHEET WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PROVIDER. FOR NURSING HOME PROVIDERS, THIS MAY RESULT IN PENALTIES FOR TIMELINESS FOR THE MONTHLY AUDIT.

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 # 4 ATTENTION: HOSPICE PROVIDERS (203)

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July 22, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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July 8, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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June 17, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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 # 8 ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS (077)
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS THAT PRESENT AN "ACTIVE USER LETTER" ISSUED BY INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (HIS) WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE MEDICAID REQUIRED COPAYMENT.
SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR IMMEDIATE FILING OF THE MEDICAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND PHARMACY CLAIMS WHEN SUBMITTED VIA THE 837P, 837I, AND NCPCP TRANSACTIONS. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST:
• 837P
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– IN LOOP 2400, SV115 FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF "0" INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.
837I
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– IN LOOP 2300, SEGMENT, CONDITION INFORMATION, ENTER CONDITION CODE "AJ" INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.
NCPDP – IN THE CLAIM SEGMENT FIELD 461-EU, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TYPE CODE, ENTER A VALUE OF "4", INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.ALSO, SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR IMMEDIATE FILING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL
UB-04 PAPER, PES, AND WEB CLAIMS SUBMISSIONS. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST:
• UB-04
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• SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACY CLAIMS SUBMITTED VIA THE WEB. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST ENTER A YES IN THE COPAY EXEMPTION FIELD IF THE MEDICAID RECIPIENT IS A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER FROM THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES.
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2 ATTENTION: REHABILITATIVE OPTION PROVIDERS (DMH, DHR, and DYS)
PROCEDURE CODES 90862 HE AND 90862 HF THAT HAVE BEEN UTILIZED FOR PHYSICIAN MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT WILL NO LONGER BE ACTIVE. THESE CODES ARE BEING REPLACED WITH PROCEDURE CODES H0004 HE AND H0004 HF FOR DATES OF SERVICE 10/01/10 AND THEREAFTER. FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, CONTACT KAREN SMITH AT 334-353-4945 OR VIA E-MAIL AT karen.watkins-smith@medicaid.alabama.gov.

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SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR IMMEDIATE FILING OF THE MEDICAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND PHARMACY CLAIMS WHEN SUBMITTED VIA THE 837P, 837I, AND NCPCP TRANSACTIONS. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST:
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• WEB – IN CONDITION CODE FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF “AJ”SYSTEM CHANGES IN WORK FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACY CLAIMS SUBMITTED VIA
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May 20, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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2 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (126)

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3 ATTENTION: REHABILITATIVE OPTION PROVIDERS (DMH, DHR, and DYS) (140)

PROCEDURE CODES 90862-HE AND 90862-HF THAT HAVE BEEN UTILIZED FOR PHYSICIAN MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT WILL NO LONGER BE ACTIVE. THESE CODES ARE BEING REPLACED WITH PROCEDURE CODES H0004-HE AND H0004-HF FOR DATES OF SERVICE OCTOBER 01, 2010 AND THEREAFTER. FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, CONTACT KAREN SMITH AT 334-353-4945 OR VIA E-MAIL AT karen.watkinssmith@ medicaid.alabama.gov.

4 ATTENTION: ALL OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTICIANS (126)

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5 ATTENTION: ALL PHYSICIANS, RHCS, FQHCS, AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS (126)

EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2011 PROCEDURE CODE Q0091 (SCREENING PAPANICOLAOU SMEAR; OBTAINING, PREPARING AND CONVEYANCE OF CERVICAL OR VAGINAL SMEAR TO LABORATORY) WILL REQUIRE A “90” MODIFIER TO BE PROCESSED AND CONSIDERED FOR PAYMENT.

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ATTENTION: PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE USERS (126)

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8 ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS (077)
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UB-04 PAPER, PES, AND WEB CLAIMS SUBMISSIONS. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST:
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• PES – IN CONDITION CODE FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF “AJ”
• WEB – IN CONDITION CODE FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF “AJ”
SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACY CLAIMS SUBMITTED VIA THE WEB. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST ENTER A YES IN THE COPAY EXEMPTION FIELD IF THE MEDICAID RECIPIENT IS A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER FROM THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES.
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May 6, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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MUST FILL OUT FOR CONSIDERATION OF ACD APPROVALS. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FORM ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE.
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April 15, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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SYSTEM CHANGES ARE NOT IN PLACE FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACY CLAIMS SUBMITTED VIA PAPER, PES, OR WEB AT THIS TIME. SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN WORK AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2011.

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April 1, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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2 ATTENTION: AUGMENTATIVE/ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICE (ACD) PROVIDERS (88)

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE ACD FORM 480 LOCATED ON THE MEDICAID WEBSITE AT www.medicaid.alabama.gov, UNDER BOTH “PROVIDERS” AND “RESOURCES,” IS THE REQUIRED EVALUATION FORM THAT THE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST (SLP) MUST FILL OUT FOR CONSIDERATION OF ACD APPROVALS. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FORM ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE.

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3 ATTENTION: ALL PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS (077)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2010, ALABAMA MEDICAID IMPLEMENTED A DRUG/NDC LOOKUP SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM ALLOWS PROVIDERS TO SEARCH FOR A DRUG BY NAME OR BY NDC, AND WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE AND PRICING INFORMATION FOR OUTPATIENT PHARMACY CLAIMS. PRESCRIBERS/PROVIDERS CAN ALSO ACCESS THE SYSTEM TO VERIFY COVERAGE OF AN NDC FOR THE BILLING OF A HCPCS CODE. PLEASE NOTE FOR HCPCS THAT PRICING, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS, AND MAXIMUM QUANTITY LIMITS DO NOT APPLY, BUT THE DRUG COVERAGE FIELD DOES APPLY. TO ACCESS THE NDC DRUG LOOKUP SYSTEM, PLEASE VISIT THE ALABAMA MEDICAID WEBSITE AT WWW.MEDICAID.ALABAMA.GOV AND CLICK ON THE “DRUG LOOK UP” LINK UNDER PHARMACY SERVICES.

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ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (077)

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 9, 2010, MEDICAID INTRODUCED THE NCCI EDITS INTO THE MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM. THESE EDITS WERE SET AS “INFORMATION” EDITS. BEGINNING MARCH 23, 2011, THESE EDITS WILL BE SET TO DENY FOR ANY SERVICES THAT DO NOT MEET THE NCCI EDIT CRITERIA AND WERE FURNISHED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2010.

THE NCCI PROCEDURE TO PROCEDURE EDITS ARE CODING EDITS AND ARE BASED ON CODING PRINCIPLES. THE MEDICAID NCCI CODING IS AVAILABLE ON THE CMS NCCI WEBSITE AT:

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5 ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS (077)

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS THAT PRESENT AN “ACTIVE USER LETTER” ISSUED BY INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (HIS) WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE MEDICAID REQUIRED COPAYMENT.

SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR IMMEDIATE FILING OF THE MEDICAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND PHARMACY CLAIMS WHEN SUBMITTED VIA THE 837P, 837I, AND NCPCP TRANSACTIONS. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE

PROVIDER MUST:
• 837P – IN LOOP 2400, SV115 FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF “0” INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.
• 837I – IN LOOP 2300, SEGMENT, CONDITION INFORMATION, ENTER CONDITION CODE “AJ” INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.
• NCPDP – IN THE CLAIM SEGMENT FIELD 461-EU, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TYPE CODE, ENTER A VALUE OF “4”, INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.
ALSO, SYSTEM CHANGES ARE IN PLACE FOR IMMEDIATE FILING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL UB-04 PAPER, PES, AND WEB CLAIMS SUBMISSIONS. TO EXEMPT THE CLAIM FROM THE REQUIRED COPAYMENT, THE PROVIDER MUST:
• UB-04 – IN FORM LOCATORS 18- 28, ENTER A CONDITION CODE “AJ” INDICATING CO-PAY EXEMPTION FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN WITH AN ACTIVE USER LETTER.
• PES – IN CONDITION CODE FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF “AJ”
• WEB – IN CONDITION CODE FIELD, ENTER A VALUE OF “AJ”SYSTEM CHANGES ARE NOT IN PLACE FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACY CLAIMS
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7 ATTENTION: ALL PATIENT 1ST PROVIDERS (007)
ALERT -- IMPORTANT CONTRACT INFORMATION WAS MAILED TO ALL PATIENT 1ST PROVIDERS RECENTLY. PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY.
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8 ATTENTION: EYE CARE PROVIDERS (337)
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2010, PROCEDURE CODE V2020 (VISION SERVICES FRAMES PURCHASE) HAS A MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF $13.95 PER 1 UNIT.
**********# 9 TO: ALL PROVIDERS (323)
THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE 5010 TRANSACTIONS. THE TESTING FOR THE PROVIDER AND VENDOR COMMUNITY IS EXPECTED TO START BY THE SUMMER OF 2011. ONCE A FIRM START DATE FOR TESTING HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY WILL NOTIFY PROVIDERS AND VENDORS THROUGH THE USE OF MAIL, EMAIL, WEBSITE NOTICES, AND THE "PROVIDER INSIDER" PUBLICATIONS.
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#10 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (338)
PLEASE REVIEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN THE 'CLAIM IN PROCESS' SECTION OF YOUR RA BEFORE RESUBMITTING CLAIMS. CLAIMS IN PROCESS ARE IN A SUSPENDED STATUS AND REQUIRE NO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE

MAJORITY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS SHOULD PROCESS WITHIN TWO CHECKWRITES. CLAIMS PENDING FOR MULTIPLE SURGERY (ERROR 5656) AND FOR MANUAL PRICES (ERRORS 3599, 3800, OR 4014) WHICH REQUIRE A MEDICAL REVIEW CAN TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR RESOLUTION.
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#11 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (093)
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March 18, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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5 ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDERS (295)

EFFECTIVE FOR CLAIMS RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 17, 2011 − ALL CLAIMS MUST BE

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March 4, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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January 21, 2011 EOP Mini-Messages

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