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PIP ALERT

ATTN: Medical Providers/Billing Companies

From: Joseph A. Massood, Esq. Re: Revised NJ Fee Schedule

The Department has issued a proposed, comprehensive draft, of the NJ Fee schedule for Physicians', ASCs, Dental, Private Nursing Care, Ambulance Services, Durable Medical Equipment, and Hospitals.

<u>Physicians' Fee Schedule:</u> Unfortunately, the reimbursement for physicians is lower, and in some cases substantially lower. For example, epidural injection, CPT 62321, reimbursement is \$409.03. However, the surgical procedures are still not on the fee schedule for physicians. Therefore, they can continue to receive their usual and customary rate (discectomy, laminectomy etc.) and the surgery codes now appear on the ASC fee schedule.

Additionally, it appears the new fee schedule will also indicate which procedures allow assistant surgeons and co-surgeons, and which procedures are subject to the multiple modality reduction formula as well the bilateral reduction formula.

See the following link which provides the proposed fee schedule for physicians:

http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/division_insurance/medfees/Exhibit1_FinalEO2Version.pdf .

ASC Fee Schedule: Numerous surgical procedures are now included on the ASC fee schedule; CPT Code 63030 – ASC Reimbursement North \$9,101.73, South \$7,625.61. These amounts are also the reimbursement rates for CPT Codes 63056, 63044, and several others.

See the following link which provides the proposed fee schedule for ASCs:

http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/division insurance/medfees/Exhibit1A FinalEO2Version.pdf

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