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Service Alert Notification

Subject: Medicaid Child Health Check Up (CHCUP) and Sick Office Visit Code Submitted Together

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First Coast Advantage (FCA) was notified on January 19, 2010 by the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA), that some of our providers are submitting Child Health Check Up (CHCUP) office visit code and the sick office/outpatient visit code on the same date of service and are getting reimbursed. It is against Medicaid policy to submit both office visit types on a claim for the same recipient on the same date of service.

AHCA is advising FCA to instruct providers that have submitted these types of claims to void and resubmit the claims using only the CHCUP office visit code or the sick office/outpatient visit code. Currently, there are no edits in the EDS system to prevent the claims from paying when this occurs (It has been requested by AHCA to have EDS implement this change, but it has not occurred).

Per Medicaid Guidelines:

- CHCUP Providers may only bill for one visit, per Medicaid child, per provider, per day. The visit may be a CHCUP visit or a sick visit. Provider discretion in evaluating the degree of illness should determine if a Child Health Check-Up should be performed. This is explained in the Medicaid CHCUP Coverage and Limitations Handbook, October 2003, page 2-3.
- **Medicaid may recoup overpayments if provider medical record audits indicate that a provider has been reimbursed for a CHCUP and a sick visit on the same day, for the same child.**
- A CHCUP referral code is required on the claim form in order to be reimbursed for a CHCUP.
- It is critical that the Federally Required Referral Code be appropriate for the Diagnosis Code on Child Health Check-Ups. For example, a diagnosis code of V20.2 (routine infant or child health check) would be appropriate with a referral code "U" or "NU" (complete normal/no referral). A diagnosis code of V20.2 (routine infant or child health check) is not appropriate with a referral code of "T" or "ST" (abnormal, patient referred). For the required referral codes see page 3-4 of the Child Health Check-Up Coverage and Limitations Handbook.
- CHCUP Providers are responsible for referrals and follow-up on a Medicaid child as a result of a CHCUP. This is referenced in the Medicaid CHCUP Coverage and Limitations Handbook, October 2003, page 2-2.

For questions regarding this billing process you can contact FCA Provider Services at 1-866-270-2468.