MEMORANDUM

TO: QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans

FROM: Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD
Med-QUEST Division Administrator

SUBJECT: DRUG UTILIZATION CODE REQUIREMENT

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify the Health Plans that effective March 16, 2016, the Med-QUEST Division will begin collecting the Drug Utilization Code through the encounter submission process in order to comply with a Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (TMSIS) requirement by CMS. The Drug Utilization Code will be comprised of three (3) existing individual fields from the pharmacy encounter (NCPDP) file:

- Reason for Service Code (439-E4)
- Professional Service Code (440-E5)
- Result of Service Code (441-E6)

Currently, only the Professional Service Code data is being stored in our system. Effective March 16th, 2016, the remaining two fields will be stored as well. The Health Plans will not be required to supply data for these fields. The data should only be submitted if available, and leaving these fields blank will not cause the encounter to pend.

Wileen Ortega will be updating the NCPDP Companion Guide to show these two fields will now be available for submission.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Wileen Ortega at (808) 692-7990 or by e-mail at wortega@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us.