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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
Providers, QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) Health Plans

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SUBJECT: PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT FOR EPSDT SERVICES IN THIRD-PARTY
LIABILITY (TPL) CLAIMS

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) implemented enhanced reimbursements for providers who complete comprehensive EPSDT exams in 2010 in accordance with ADM-1003/ADMX-1003. This memorandum described use of an EP modifier when submitting claims for receipt of enhanced reimbursement.

Some providers are having difficulty receiving enhanced EPSDT reimbursement when the child has a third party liability (TPL). Several commercial primary insurances are rejecting the claim due to the EP modifier. In these cases, providers are resubmitting the claim to the Medicaid payer (i.e., QUEST or QExA health plan or Medicaid Fee For Service (FFS)) without the EP modifier to receive payment. Because the EP modifier is not submitted to the Medicaid payer, the provider does not receive the enhanced reimbursement. In essence, providers performing comprehensive EPSDT exams for children with a TPL are not being fully reimbursed.

Effective immediately, providers may submit to the health plans and the FFS program, as applicable, claims for secondary payment that include the EP modifier even if the modifier was excluded from the claim to the primary insurance. Secondary payment amounts should include both the Medicaid co-payment and the enhanced reimbursement. Providers should submit their explanation of benefits (EOB) from the commercial primary insurer when they submit their claim to the health plan. In addition, the enhanced reimbursement will be paid only if a complete and signed DHS8015 is attached to the CMS 1500 form in accordance with ADM-1003/ADMX-1003.

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