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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1348

DATE: January 30, 2014
TO: All Iowa Medicaid Hospitals
FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)
RE: HCPCS code G0463 for Outpatient Hospital Clinic Visits-Clarification
EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2014

The Iowa Medicaid Portal Access (IMPA) initially announced the IME's compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System Final Rule for January 1, 2014. This Informational Letter is intended to clarify claim submission requirements for both outpatient clinic visits and emergency services.

The CMS published the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Final Rule on November 27, 2013. This established a new alphanumeric Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code, G0463 (Hospital outpatient clinic visit for assessment and management of a patient) for hospital clinic use only. The new HCPCS code will be representative of any clinic visits under the OPPS replacing Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 99201 through 99205 and 99211 through 99215.

Effective for claims starting January 1, 2014, Iowa Medicaid Providers will be required to use the new HCPCS code G0463 in place of the previously used Evaluation and Management codes.

Emergency Department (ED) services are not subject to this change. The standard triage/assessment fee is payable regardless of whether the claim meets emergency criteria. Triage is billed under CPT code 99211. The code is billable with a fee schedule amount and no other codes can be billed on the claim. The triage/assessment fee is payable over and above the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) allowance.

Follow the link to the [Outpatient Prospective Payment System \(OPPS\) Final Rule](#)¹ to access the text of the final rule.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/12/10/2013-28737/medicare-and-medicare-programs-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical>