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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 815

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Opticians, Pharmacy, Independent Labs, Medical Supply Dealers, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Physical Therapists, Chiropractors, Audiologists, Family Planning, Psychologists, Screening Centers, Hearing Aid Dealers, Orthopedic Shoe Dealers, Maternal Health Centers, Genetic Consultation Clinics, Certified Nurse Midwife, Birthing Centers, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Federal Qualified Health Centers, Nurse Practitioners and Lead Investigation Agency Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: W5022- Pregnancy Co-Pay Code for CMS-1500 Claims

Effective August 1, 2009, procedure code W5022 may be entered in box 24D (Procedure Code) on the CMS-1500 claim form to indicate that a female patient 21 years of age or older is pregnant. This change was made to ensure that the co-payment would not be deducted from these claims.

Box 24A must include the date of service. Box 24F for charges must be left blank. If this code were used, the word "pregnant" would no longer need to be indicated in box 19 (Reserved for Local Use) on the claim form. The services provided should be billed using the appropriate procedure code(s) in addition to W5022 for each date of service. W5022 should not be billed alone on the form.

Including code W5022 on the claim form will allow for more accurate and efficient processing of your claim. You do not need to include procedure code W5022 or write the word "pregnant" on your claim form, if you are already billing an ICD-9 code that is related to pregnancy. Claims processed with a diagnosis indicating the member is pregnant will have the co-payment waived. A pregnancy diagnosis can be reflected in any of the diagnosis code fields on the claim form.

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) supports the electronic submission of claims. Through electronic submission, you are able to submit claims more accurately. You also receive your Medicaid payments sooner than if you submitted paper claims. Iowa Medicaid Enterprise offers PC-ACE Pro32, which is a free electronic billing software. Registration forms are available online at www.edissweb.com/cgp/forms/enrollment.html. For assistance with downloading and installing this free software, please contact EDISS at 1-800-967-7902.

If you have any questions related to billing, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.