A Message to

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Memorandum

TO: Administrators of Participating AmeriHealth Outpatient Diabetic Education Programs in Southern New Jersey

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SUBJECT: BILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT DIABETIC EDUCATION

Diabetic Education is a covered benefit by AmeriHealth HMO and AmeriHealth Personal Choice in the treatment of diabetes through education and counseling.

For HMO Members, a Primary Care Physician (PCP) referral is required. Members with Point-of-Service (POS) coverage may exercise their self-referral option. In this case, no PCP referral is required. However, when a member self refers and bypasses their PCP, precertification by AmeriHealth Patient Care Management is required, and it is the responsibility of the member to obtain. There are no precertification requirements for Personal Choice and Federal Employee Program (FEP) products although a physician's order/prescription is required.

When billing for diabetic education, the revenue code 942 and the number of units must be included on the UB-92. Please note that for correct reimbursement, AmeriHealth defines a unit as:

- A group session which is to be, at a minimum, 2 hours in duration
- An individual session which is a minimum of 1 hour

For correct billing and reimbursement purposes, one unit is equal to one session.

Please share this information with your staff. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Hospital Coordinator or Hospital Services at 856-778-6500.