A Message to

Business Office Managers

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Memorandum

TO: All AmeriHealth Contracting Baby FootSteps Providers in New Jersey

FROM: Kathleen Mariano
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DATE: April 1, 2003

SUBJECT: **Revisions to Baby FootSteps Program**

AmeriHealth has revised its billing protocols for the Baby FootSteps perinatal case management program. These changes are required to ensure compliance with HIPAA mandated standardized code sets.

We are making four key changes to the Baby FootSteps program, effective May 1, 2003, as outlined below:

- Elimination of the non-compliant B revenue codes
- Utilization of HIPAA compliant revenue codes
- Addition of Home Uterine Monitoring code and rate
- Elimination of most Durable Medical Equipment from the perinatal program

Elimination of the non-compliant B revenue codes

Effective May 1, 2003, the non-compliant B revenue codes currently used for billing will be eliminated. We will honor B revenue codes for all dates of service through April 30, 2003.

Utilization of HIPAA compliant revenue codes

For all dates of service on or after May 1, 2003, use the following revenue codes for billing:

Revenue Code	Description	Rate
551	Skilled Nursing Visit	$100.00 per visit
581	Lactation Consultation	$90.00 per visit
590	Nutritional Consultation	$90.00 per visit
561	Social Service Evaluation	$90.00 per visit
571	Home Health Aide	$19.00 per hour

Please note that the rates for the services listed above have not changed from your current contracted rates. However, effective May 1, 2003, Baby FootSteps Case Managers will now pre-authorize the individual services indicated above rather than the prior bundled per diem services. Please continue to bill all services under your existing Baby FootSteps provider number.

Addition of Home Uterine Monitoring coding and rate

We are also adding the following code to the contract:

Revenue Code	Description	Rate
789	Home Uterine Monitor	$74.00 per day

Elimination of most Durable Medical Equipment from the perinatal program

Breast pumps and blood pressure cuffs must be supplied by a participating AmeriHealth Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider effective May 1, 2003. We will no longer reimburse Baby FootSteps providers for breast pumps and blood pressure cuffs after this date.

In order to efficiently transition to the new code sets the Baby FootSteps Case Management team will work with you to provide new authorizations for dates of service on or after May 1, 2003.

Please share this information with your staff. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Melinda Grant, Ancillary Coordinator, at (856) 778-6647.