A Message to

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Memorandum

TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

FROM: Kathleen Mariano
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DATE: July 7, 2005

SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE

In response to provider concerns about their ability to accurately capture data on minor procedures performed in addition to emergency department levels of service, AmeriHealth has added all laceration repair, superficial burn care, casting and splinting HCPCS codes to the Emergency Room Fee Schedule effective immediately. Please note however, that our global payment policy for emergency department services is unchanged. There will be no separate payment for these minor procedures, reimbursement for which is included in the level of services codes, 99281-99285 and 99291.

Effective July 1, 2005, the following additional HCPCS codes will be acceptable with revenue codes 450-452, 456 and 459:

12001-12021, 12031-12057, 13100-13160, 16000, 29105-29131, 29505 and 29515

Providers are invited to contact us with additional codes for data capture they may wish to see included in further updates. Please contact Carol Dodd at 215-241-9413 or via email at Carol.Dodd@amerihealth.com for any questions of a technical or clinical nature. All other questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to Germaine Anderson at 215-241-2653 or via email to Germaine.Anderson@amerihealth.com.

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