A Message to

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Memorandum

TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

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DATE: October 5, 2005

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 1, 2005 DRG CHANGES

CMS published changes to the Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System in the August 12, 2005 *Federal Register*. The changes include additions, deletions and redefinitions of DRGs for which AmeriHealth makes Per Case Payments. The changes are effective October 1, 2005.

We have determined the per case rates applicable to the new DRGs by reference to the per case rates applicable to the old DRGs. The attached grid identifies the new DRGs and their corresponding current DRGs. We realize that the DRGs on the grid may not be applicable to all hospitals. Hospital-specific rate schedules are being developed and will be sent to you shortly.

Please contact Carol Dodd at 215-241-9413 or via e-mail at Carol.Dodd@amerihealth.com for any questions of a technical or clinical nature. All other questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to your Hospital Coordinator or the Provider Relations Department at 856-778-6500.

Attachment

AmeriHealth DRG RATES

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005

Rates for the following New DRGs are equal to the rates for the corresponding Current DRGs.

New DRG	Current DRG
544	209
545	209
546	497
547	107
548	107
549	109
550	109
551	115
552	116
553	478
554	478
555	516
556	517
557	526
558	527