A Message to

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AmeriHealth Participating Hospital-Based Sleep Study Centers in New Jersey

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SUBJECT: BILLING CLARIFICATION: POLYSOMNOGRAPHY

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify billing instructions for a polysomnography. According to NCCI (National Correct Coding Initiative) Edit Guidelines, the following two codes are not to be billed together during one overnight admission or session:

95810 – Polysomnography; sleep staging with four or more additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist

95811- Polysomnography; sleep staging with four or more additional parameters of sleep, with initiation of continuous positive airway pressure therapy or bi-level ventilation, attended by a technologist

All elements of the first code, 95810, are included in the description for the second code, 95811. If both studies are ordered, only code 95811 should be reported.

If you have questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your Hospital Service Coordinator or the Hospital Services Department at 856-778-6500 or 732-726-6700.

We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.