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**TO: ALL NEW JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES; HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS; MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS; HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATIONS; HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; AND ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

**FROM: Richard J. Badolato, Acting Commissioner**

**RE: ICD-10 Implementation and the Timely Payment of Claims**

On October 1, 2015, all HIPAA-mandated entities must implement the International Classification of Disease-10 ("ICD-10") coding scheme. ICD-10 codes must be used for billing of all services pursuant to the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 § 212 (H.R. 4302, P.L.113-93) and 45 C.F.R. § 162.1002(c).

Consistent with the federal requirements, all HIPAA-mandated carriers and providers must transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10. Despite the ICD-10 transition, claims for services provided on or after October 1, 2015, should still be paid in a timely manner. Any systemic or widespread failure to pay claims promptly could cause serious harm to certain health facilities and providers. The Department will closely monitor ICD-10 implementation and noncompliance could lead to enforcement action, if warranted.

All claims that are not paid promptly will trigger the mandated statutory interest payment. Enforcement action for failure to pay claims in a timely manner could include the investigation of alleged unfair claims settlement practices and result in the ordering of any other penalties and/or remediation measures the Department deems necessary.

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