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Thursday, December 31, 2009

ATTENTION: Office Manager, Billing Manager and Staff

BILLING ALERT – Revisions to Consultation Services Payment Policy

Effective January 1, 2010 CMS will eliminate the use of all consultation CPT/HCPC codes. This includes:

- inpatient codes (99251-99255) and
- office/outpatient codes (99241-99245) for various places of service, except for telehealth consultation G-codes.

Instead of consultation codes, providers are instructed to bill:

- initial hospital care (99221-99223),
- initial nursing facility care (99304-99306) or
- initial office visits (99201-99205), as applicable.

For further information, details can be found at:

www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMMattersArticles/downloads/MM6740.pdf. Physicians United Plan will process claims according to these guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact PUP Provider Relations at 863-293-6354 Option 4 or your provider relations representative. Visit our website www.pupcorp.com to view this and other important plan information for participating providers.

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