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Re: Dialysis and Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESAs)

Dear IEHP Providers,

Effective 9/1/2011, IEHP will adopt the following changes for Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESA):

1. Q4081 (epoetin alfa 100 units for dialysis) is reserved for dialysis center
2. J0885 (epoetin alfa 1000 units for non-ESRD use) and J0886 (epoetin alfa 1000 units for ESRD on dialysis) are reserved for other providers

IEHP will deny J0885 or J0886 claims submitted by the dialysis center for claims with a date of service of 9/1/2011 or after. As a reminder, please review the latest FDA safety information regarding the use of ESAs.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 909-890-2049.

Sincerely,

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