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To: IPA Administrators, PCPs and Specialists
From: IEHP - Provider Relations
Date: September 2, 2011
Subject: **J3490 - Miscellaneous Code**

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

In April 2007, IEHP adopted the policy to utilize Medicare Codes (J codes) on all pharmaceutical items that are billed on UB04 or CMS 1500 claims forms. The reimbursement rate of J codes is based on the most current Medicare allowable as listed in the Medicare Drug Average Sales Price (ASP) Information Resource pricing files published quarterly by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

We continue to receive claims with incorrect use of the J3490 miscellaneous code. In an effort to ensure our providers are being reimbursed properly and in a timely manner, we would like to remind IEHP Providers regarding the policy of using **J3490 – Miscellaneous code**. All providers should include the following information on claims forms (UB04 or CMS1500):

- Always use a valid J codes for any injectables administered. If a claim is submitted using J3490 and a corresponding valid code is found, that claims will be denied.
- If no valid J code is available, you may use J3490 for claims submission. You must provide the National Drug Code (NDC) and the dosage/quantity used on the claims.
Effective September 1, 2011, Miscellaneous J code's payment will be based on the current pharmaceutical reimbursement rate of your contract.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Chan, Pharm.D. at 909-890-2067.

Sincerely,

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NDC is located on the vial

