

MEMORANDUM

TO: Private Duty Nursing Providers

FROM: Nancy Cutair, Chief
Division of Nursing Services

RE: HIPAA Implementation Delay for Private Duty Nursing

DATE: September 18, 2003

A new federal law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all health care providers and insurers to submit claims in a nationally standardized format using the national HCPCS codes.

The conversion to HIPAA compliant transactions is a complicated process. Although we have been working very hard to crosswalk our codes and modify our transactions, the Medicaid Program's uniqueness has posed many challenges that we are still working on today.

We are, therefore, delaying changing the way in which you bill Medicaid for the services you provide to its clients. This delay means that you are to continue billing Medicaid as you currently do until January 3, 2004. All claims should continue to be submitted on the paper or electronic DHMH 248 form using all the local procedure codes you currently use.

We shall keep you informed of all changes to the billing process as we complete the work. Please expect a memorandum in the next month with the national Private Duty Nursing codes, testing information for the electronic ASC X12N 837 Transaction, and the HCFA 1500 paper billing instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call my staff a 410-767-1448. Thank you.