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TO: Independence Blue Cross Participating Hospitals and Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Pennsylvania & Delaware

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SUBJECT: JUNE 1, 2007 BILLING UPDATES FOR FACILITIES

Effective June 1, 2007, Independence Blue Cross will make changes to the correlation tables and fee schedules. Attachment A (Outpatient Fee Schedule Update) and Attachment B (Outpatient Implantable Device Reimbursement) contain detailed coding and pricing changes. If you have any questions related to coding, please contact Carol Dodd, RHIT at 215-241-9413 or Carol.Dodd@ibx.com. Please contact your Network Coordinator with all other questions.

Overview of Changes

1. 2007 CMS HCPCS Code Additions and Terminations

- Thirty-three HCPCS codes have been added to the Pharmacy Fee Schedule. These codes have been priced at 90% of the Average Wholesale Price.
- One code has been deleted from the Pharmacy correlation table due to CMS termination. This code is no longer valid.
- Three new codes have been added to the Surgical Fee Schedule.
- One new code has been added to the Radiology Fee Schedule.

2. Miscellaneous HCPCS Code Edit changes

- Code 76999 has been removed from the Miscellaneous HCPCS Edit.
- Effective June 1, 2007, all outstanding claims for code 76999 should be submitted through the electronic process.

3. Revised Outpatient Implantable Devices Reimbursement Table

- IBC has added Anchor Screws (C1768) and Vena Cava Filters (C1880) to the list of standard covered implantable devices paid in addition to the reimbursement for the outpatient surgical procedure.
- In addition, the implantable devices reimbursement list has been expanded to reflect HCPCS coding changes.

4. Revised Billing Process

- Providers must use implant revenue codes 278 and 275 to bill implantable devices and prosthetics.

We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.

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