Web Announcement 57

Rate Enhancement and Claim Adjustment:

**Attention Provider Types** 12 (Hospital, Outpatient), 14 (Mental Health, Outpatient), 17 (Special Clinics), 20 (Physician, M.D., Osteopath), 21 (Podiatrist), 24 (Certified R.N. Practitioner), 25 (Optometrist), 27 (Radiology & Noninvasive Diagnostic Centers), 31 (Healthy Kids Screening), 41 (Optician, Optical Business), 43 (Laboratory, Pathology/Clinical), 45 (End Stage Renal Disease ESRD Facility), 72 (Nurse Anesthetist), 74 (Nurse Midwife), 76 (Audiologist), 77 (Physician’s Assistant):

A rate enhancement has been implemented for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes within the ranges of 90000-99199 and 99500-99999 for services rendered to recipients under age 21. Affected Provider Types are 12, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 31, 41, 43, 45, 72, 74, 76 and 77. This enhancement equals 120% of the 2002 Medicare rates for codes within these ranges. Claims with dates of service 04/01/04 and after that were billed with these codes for recipients under age 21 have been adjusted. Your Remittance Advices (RAs) have reported the adjudication of the adjustment.