'ClaimCheck' News and Editing Updates

Part of the on-going DHH process related to the implementation of the 'ClaimCheck' claims editing capabilities is to assess and compare Louisiana Medicaid policies and processes alongside national standards. This is especially important as we prepare for the incorporation of the CMS mandated National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) editing for Medicaid services. As a result of continued evaluation and in an effort to improve processing accuracy, providers may note updates in the following areas effective with processing reflected on the RA of December 21, 2010:

- Units of service updated related to select allergy immunotherapy procedure codes to reflect the CPT definition.
- Age restrictions updated (where applicable) on procedure codes to match the CPT definition.
- Procedure codes included in the 'new visit' frequency editing updated to reflect the appropriate evaluation and management codes.
- Adopting the recognized national standard for pre/post operative editing of evaluation and management codes related to obstetrical delivery services. For those services that include postpartum care, the post operative period is 45 days from the date of delivery.
- Inclusion of pertinent procedure codes from the "Medicine" section of CPT in multiple surgery reduction processing (application of modifier -51 when appropriate). Those medicine codes that have the Medicare Multiple Surgery Indicator for the physician service and/or professional component of the procedure are included. This involves mainly cardiovascular diagnostic and intervention procedures.

Providers are reminded that 'ClaimCheck' editing is based on the date of processing, regardless of the service date. Changes made as a result of this process supersede previously published policy where different. For the latest information related to 'ClaimCheck', please continue to monitor the Louisiana Medicaid website homepage at www.lamedicaid.com, under the 'ClaimCheck' icon on the same website, as well as RA messages. For any further questions, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.