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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 654

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Opticians, Pharmacy, Independent Labs, Medical Supplies, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Physical Therapists, Chiropractors, Audiologists, Family Planning, Psychologists, Screening Centers, Hearing Aid Dealers, Orthopedic Shoe Dealers, Maternal Health Centers, Genetic Consultation Clinics, Certified Nurse Midwife, Birthing Centers, CRNA's, FQHC's, Nurse Practitioners, Lead Investigation Agency

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: Co-Payment for Pregnant Women

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Iowa Administrative Code 79.1(13) ("i") states that co-payment charges are not applicable for any Medicaid services furnished to women who are **currently** pregnant, whether or not the service being provided is pregnancy-related. For example, this would apply to optometric and chiropractic services, as well as **ANY** other Medicaid covered services.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has implemented a new option in claims submission for pregnant women, relative to application of co-payments. Claims processed with a diagnosis indicating the member is pregnant will have the co-payment waived. A pregnancy diagnosis can be reflected in any of the diagnosis code fields on the claim form. Providers may also continue to use the statement "Y-Pregnant" on the claim to indicate the member is pregnant.

The following is a list of co-payment exclusions under 441-79.13(13):

- Members under the age of 21
- Family Planning Services
- Services for pregnant women
- Recipients residing in an institution
- Emergency Services
- HMO Covered Services

As a reminder, co-payment is applied per "date" of service for all services rendered by a given provider in the same service setting and where services rendered are subject to a co-payment except for pharmacy, which is per prescription.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909, locally at 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.