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TO: Personal Care Services Program Coordinators/Case Monitors

FROM: Mark A. Leeds, Director
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RE: HIPAA Implementation – electronic billing update

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This memorandum is an update of the November 14, 2003 HIPAA Implementation memo from Susan J. Tucker and Joseph E. Davis.

Electronic Billing Delays

We recently learned that some of your software vendors may not be prepared to start processing 837P or modified electronic CMS-1500 claims on January 3, 2004. If your vendor cannot process these claims on January 3, 2004, continue billing on the current electronic DHMH 248 until your vendor updates your billing system and completes testing.

Paper Billing

As directed in the November 14, 2003 memorandum, please begin using the CMS-1500 (formerly the HCFA-1500) paper claim form for claims submitted on and after January 3, 2004.

Procedure Code Changes

As directed in the November 14, 2003 memorandum, please begin using the new procedure codes (the "Z" codes) for **dates of service** on and after January 3, 2004.

The procedure codes will change regardless of your billing form. For example, if you continue using the electronic DHMH 248 after January 3, 2004 due to software vendor delays, you should still begin using the new "Z" procedure codes for dates of service on or after January 3, 2004. The new procedure codes will be accepted on the electronic DHMH 248.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the MAPCSP staff at 410-767-1444.