

**IMPLEMENTATION OF APG PAYMENT METHODOLOGY DELAYED
FOR FREE-STANDING DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTERS
AND AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS**

While scheduled for March 1, 2009, implementation of APGs in Diagnostic and Treatment Centers (D&TCs) including free-standing ambulatory surgery centers cannot begin until federal approval is received. The Department has responded to CMS' request for additional information on the State Plan Amendment authorizing federal financial participation for APG payments. Discussions with CMS are ongoing and approval is anticipated soon.

DT&C providers should continue to submit claims for outpatient services to eMedNY using existing rate codes (not APG rate codes) until further notice. Claims should be fully coded with CPT/HCPCS codes and ICD-9 diagnosis codes in anticipation of reprocessing of these claims by eMedNY under the APG payment methodology back to March 1, 2009. However, D&TCs and ambulatory surgery centers **should not** include codes for ancillary services (lab and radiology services) currently being billed directly to Medicaid by ancillary service providers, and ancillary service providers should continue to bill Medicaid directly for these services until the new APG payment methodology is implemented.

The Department will notify affected D&TC clinic, ambulatory surgery and ancillary providers of CMS approval of the State Plan Amendment immediately upon receipt of such approval. Further instructions on the claiming process will be provided at that time.

D&TC providers are encouraged to submit test claims to eMedNY. eMedNY's end-to-end test facility permits providers to submit test claims (batches of up to 50 claims) and to receive test remittance advice. Testing prior to the effective date of APG implementation for DT&Cs will help to ensure a smooth transition and provide first-hand experience with the APG claiming process.

For additional information on APGs see the Department's APG Website at:
http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm

Questions you may have on APG implementation may be directed as follows:

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