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FEE SCHEDULE – UPDATE

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Mercy Care Plan recently notified the provider community of an upcoming change in its fee schedule. Given the feedback that we received from the network, further analysis of the capitation funding and our fee schedule was undertaken. Please note the following:

- Mercy Care Plan historically managed its own “proprietary” fee schedule
- The Mercy Care Plan fee schedule was typically lower than the AHCCCS fee schedule and had not been routinely updated since 2005
- The AHCCCS fee schedule is the 4th best relative to other Medicaid programs in the US and is currently equal to 106% of Medicare

Mercy Care Plan took the change in rate funding as an opportunity to move closer to the AHCCCS fee schedule. Highlights include:

- E & M codes (99201 through 99499) will now be paid at 98% of AHCCCS
- Surgical codes (10021-69999), radiology (70010-79999), pathology & lab (80048-89999), medicine (90281-99199 and 99500-99602) will be paid at 97% of AHCCCS
- MCP will adopt the site of service reimbursement rate (facility versus non-facility)
- G, J and Q Codes will be paid at 97% of AHCCCS

A number of areas were not affected at all and rates remain constant for:

- Anesthesia (00100-01999), dialysis (90945-90999), Vaccine administration (SL modifier) and maternity services (59400, 59510, 59610, 59618)
- HCPCS – ambulance (A0001-A0999), attendant care (S5125), all other HCPCS not noted.

The new and improved fee schedule has been routed to our claims department for loading and testing and we expect to begin processing claims affected by the rate change during the week of May 25, 2009.

The fee schedule will be posted on the website on **May 18, 2009**.

We would hope that these changes will be of minimal impact to most practices. On behalf of the plan, we would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding of these changes. If you have questions or require further clarification, please contact Christi Lundeen, Vice President of Network Management, directly at (602) 453-6021.

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