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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Bruce M. Bullen, Commissioner
RE: PAYMENT FOR THE MEDICARE PART B COINSURANCE AND DEDUCTIBLE

Background

The information in this bulletin supercedes information about payment of the Medicare Part B coinsurance and deductible contained in All Provider Bulletin 94, dated February 1996.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 gives the Division of Medical Assistance the authority to limit payment of Medicare/MassHealth crossover claims up to the Division's maximum allowable amount. The Division's third-party-liability regulations at 130 CMR 450.318 support this payment change.

New Policy

Effective immediately, the Division's payment policy has changed both for members who have Medicare coverage in addition to MassHealth, and for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries who have Medicare coverage only. The Division will pay Medicare Part B crossover claims up to the Division's maximum allowable amount less any Medicare payment, or the coinsurance and deductible amount, whichever is less.

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact the Unisys Provider Services Department at (617) 628-4141 or 1-800-325-5231.
