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April 16, 2007 – **UPDATED VERSION REPLACES LETTER DATED 2-5-07**

Dear Healthcare Practitioner and Office Staff:

Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Insurance Company (Presbyterian) are committed to ensuring that you and your office have the information needed to properly submit claims for processing and reimbursement. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that with the implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI), Taxonomy codes and other code changes, the current paper claims submission forms were revised and/or replaced and providers would need to begin transitioning to the new forms.

CMS 1500 (12-90) and (08-05)

The current *CMS 1500 (12-90)* form has been revised and replaced with *CMS 1500 (08-05)*. This form was available to providers as of October 1, 2006. Providers may use either the current (12-90) version or the revised (08-05) version when submitting claims for the transitional period of October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

CMS' original effective date for the new form was April 1, 2007 but due finding that some of the new CMS-1500 forms were printed on the wrong template, a decision was made to extend that date. This extension was done to minimize the administrative burden that would have been placed on provider offices to be ready for April 1.

Effective May 4, 2007, the current version (12-90) will be discontinued and only the revised version (08-05) will be accepted. Presbyterian follows CMS guidelines and will ***only accept the new version*** (08-05) effective on May 4, 2007 for the billing of new claims and the rebilling of older claims.

UB-92 and UB-04

The current *UB-92* has been revised and will be replaced with the *UB-04* and will be available March 1, 2007. Institutional providers may begin using the *UB-04* as of March 1, 2007. Institutional providers may use either version for the transitional period of March 1, 2007 through May 22, 2007.

Effective May 23, 2007, all institutional paper claims must be submitted on the *UB-04*. The *UB-92* will no longer be accepted after that date. Presbyterian follows CMS guidelines and will ***only accept the new version*** (*UB-04*) effective on May 23, 2007 for the billing of new claims and the rebilling of older claims.

In an effort to eliminate the need for denying claims to be resubmitted on the New Forms, we ask that you note the compliance deadlines listed above and work with your Forms Supplier to start your transition.

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We ask that you contact your form suppliers to obtain the new forms so you may prepare your billing areas during the transition to the new forms. For additional information, the following Web sites are available:

New CMS 1500 (08-05) Form:

www.nucc.org

New UB-04 Form:

www.nubc.org (for subscribers only)

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1104CP.pdf>

Have you considered submitting your claims electronically? Electronic Claims Transmission (ECT) saves your office staff time and money and helps to make the claims process as efficient as possible. Here are some other benefits of submitting claims electronically that you may not be aware of:

- The average time to process an electronic claim is 7 days, compared to 14 days for paper claim
- You save the cost of postage and paper when you submit claims electronically
- Your office receives a quicker confirmation of claims receipt and integrity of the data
- There is a higher percentage of claims accuracy, resulting in faster payment

To learn more about Electronic Claims Transmissions, please refer to the Claims section of your Provider Manual at <http://www.phs.org/healthplan/providers/index.shtml> or contact your Provider Services Coordinator.

We appreciate your commitment to providing excellent care and service to our members. As always, thank you for partnering with us to improve the health of individuals, families, and communities.

Sincerely,



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