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TO: All Physicians, Outpatient Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers participating in the NE Medicaid Program

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RE: Provider-Preventable Conditions (PPC)
Outpatient healthcare settings

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE, CLINICAL AND BILLING STAFF.

Section 2702 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) prohibits Medicaid programs from reimbursing certain providers for services resulting from a Provider Preventable Condition (PPC). Federal law and regulations require providers to report PPCs that occur in inpatient and outpatient settings. Provider Bulletin 13-09 addresses the Provider-Preventable Conditions for inpatient healthcare settings.

Effective April 1, 2013 for date of service April 1, 2013 or after, Nebraska Medicaid will not cover a surgical procedure or other invasive procedure to treat a medical condition when the practitioner erroneously performs: **1) the wrong procedure, 2) the correct procedure but on the wrong body part, or 3) the correct procedure, but on the wrong patient.**

All services provided in the operating room when an error occurs are considered related and therefore not covered. All providers in the operating room when the PPC occurs, who could bill individually for their services, are not eligible for payment. All related services provided during the same hospitalization in which the error occurred will not be covered. However, related services do not include performance of the correct procedure.

Services must be billed appropriately when the following PPCs occur:

PPC Reporting Codes and Definitions:

E876.5: Performance of wrong procedure (operation) on correct patient

E876.6: Performance of the correct procedure (operation) but on the wrong patient

E876.7: Performance of correct procedure (operation) on wrong body part

Providers must report PPCs even though the claim will be denied. This reporting requirement is also applicable for claims submitted to Managed Care Plans.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Flora Coan at 402-471-9380 or at flora.coan@nebraska.gov.