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TO: Physician Assistants

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SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Services for Medicaid-Reimbursable Claiming

The purpose of this transmittal is to clarify the reimbursement policy and procedure for medical services provided by physician assistants.

Under the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance (State Plan), physician assistants are not authorized as Medicaid providers in their own right; and therefore are ineligible to claim Medicaid reimbursement for medical services. However, services provided by physician assistants may be billed to Medicaid using the NPI of the supervising physician. Additionally, the beneficiary's medical records must indicate that services were provided by a physician assistant and were subsequently approved by the supervising physician.

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