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CLARIFICATION #3

2006 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Specifications (QARR)

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Dear Colleague:

This is to inform you of one update to the 2006 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Specifications Manual. The update involves the inclusion of an invalid diagnosis code contained in the **Medicaid Well Child rates** for all three age groups (pages 16 – 18 of the 2006 QARR Specifications Manual). The diagnosis code of V20 is not a valid code for a well care visit. A fourth digit needs to be included to this diagnosis code for it to be valid (for example V201 or V202). The Department has looked at the impact this code may have to Medicaid plans who submitted encounters with the diagnosis code. Very few members (10 out of 298, 511 children for all three measures) would be removed from numerator findings when we exclude the V20 codes. If you have encounters being submitted with the V20 diagnosis code without the fourth digit, it will not be counted as a numerator event and we encourage you to work with your providers to properly code for a well care visit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 486-9012 or via email at ams13@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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