TO: Departmental Compliance Leaders

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SUBJECT: Florida Medicaid Child Health Check-ups and Non-physician Practitioners

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As a reminder, Florida Medicaid requires providers to enroll separately in the Child Health Check-up (formerly EPSDT) program as a prerequisite for reimbursement of Child Health Check-up services. This requirement is applicable to Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives and Physician Assistants.

Furthermore, Florida Medicaid requires Child Health Check-ups to be billed directly by the provider performing the service. When Child Health Check-ups are performed by non-physician practitioners (“NPPs”), the service must be billed under the NPP’s individual provider number instead of the supervising physician’s individual provider number (even when performed under the direct supervision of a physician).

If a NPP has not enrolled separately in the Child Health Check-up program and a charge is submitted to Florida Medicaid under the NPP’s regular individual provider number, Florida Medicaid will deny the service due to the ineligibility of the provider of service. Conversely, Child Health Check-ups performed by NPPs will not fail eligibility edits in Florida Medicaid’s claim processing system when erroneously billed under the enrolled supervising physician’s individual provider number. Consequently, Florida Medicaid is likely to reimburse these services even though they do not meet Medicaid requirements for payment. As such, caution must be exercised to bill these services appropriately.

Please reference the following Florida Medicaid Coverage and Limitations Handbooks and the respective reference pages.

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Services (this includes Certified Nurse Midwives not practicing at a Birthing Center Facility) – Refer to pages 1-5 and 1-6

Physician Assistants – Refer to pages 1-4 and 1-5
These Handbooks are available online by accessing the following website and following the link to Handbooks:

http://floridamedicaid.consultec-inc.com/index.jsp

The Office of Compliance appreciates your assistance in sharing this information with faculty and non-physician practitioners in your respective departments who perform and bill Florida Medicaid for Child Health Check-ups.

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