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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
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SUBJECT: Repricing Hospital Outpatient Claims Billed with COVID-19 Diagnosis and Procedure Codes

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has issued a provider notice, advising hospitals that certain outpatient claims containing COVID-19-related coding will be reprocessed. The information below applies specifically to traditional Medicaid fee-for-service claims; however, for managed care claims, the managed care plans will also identify any claims impacted by these changes and automatically reprocess them. **Hospitals do not need to take any action on these claims.**

Issue #1 - Outpatient Claims with Dates of Service March 1 through May 21, 2020 Containing Diagnosis Code U07.1 and HCPCS Codes U0001, U0002, 87635, G2023, and G2024

- The Department transitioned to a new EAPG grouper version on May 22, 2020. This EAPG grouper version includes new ICD-10 diagnosis code U07.1 - COVID-19, Virus Identified (effective April 1, 2020), and additional COVID-related HCPCS codes U0001, U0002, 87635, G2023, and G2024. Claims that processed through the EAPG grouper that contained any of these codes may have grouped and priced incorrectly.

Issue #2 – Outpatient Claims with Dates of Service April 14 through June 30, 2020 Containing HCPCS Codes U0003, U0004, 86769, and 86328

- These four COVID-related HCPCS codes (all effective April 14, 2020) have not yet been added to the HFS EAPG grouper. Claims already processed with these codes for dates of service April 14, 2020 through June 30, 2020 may have grouped and priced incorrectly.

The Department has identified the affected claims from both issues above and will void and reprice them using the updated version of the EAPG grouper. The voided claims will be identified on the Remittance Advice with Adjustment Reason Code 5018 – EAPG Priced COVID Codes with EAPG 0999 at \$0. The reprocessed claims will be assigned new Document Control Numbers.

Reminder: Outpatient claims with dates of service beginning July 1, 2020 are currently on hold while the Department finalizes system changes. EAPG grouper updates will be completed before these claims are released, allowing them to price correctly.

Hospitals are encouraged to contact the Bureau of Hospital and Provider Services at 877-782-5565, or the applicable managed care plan, with questions pertaining to this notice.

Hospitals can also [contact IHA staff](#) with questions.