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Dear Provider:

The Culinary Health Fund will be implementing new criteria for claims containing certain evaluation and management (E&M) codes.

Effective 9/1/2012 claims for the following codes will require that medical records be attached for level of care review. Claims received without medical records will be denied with a request for supporting documentation.

- 99204      **Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient.**  
*Requires the following three components; comprehensive history, comprehensive evaluation and medical decision making of moderate complexity.*
- 99205      **Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient.**  
*Requires the following three components; comprehensive history, comprehensive evaluation and medical decision making of high complexity.*
- 99214      **Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient.**  
*Requires two of the following three components; detailed history, detailed examination and medical decision making of moderate complexity.*
- 99215      **Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient.**  
*Requires two of the following three components; detailed history, detailed examination and medical decision making of high complexity.*
- 99244      **Office consultation for a new or established patient.**  
*Requires the following three components; comprehensive history, comprehensive evaluation and medical decision making of moderate complexity.*
- 99245      **Office consultation for a new or established patient.**  
*Requires the following three components; comprehensive history, comprehensive evaluation and medical decision making of high complexity.*

Claims for the above codes in which the medical record does not contain the required components will be re-coded to the appropriate level of care.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Provider Services at (702) 892-7313, option 2.

Sincerely,

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