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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 24, 2011  
To: Gateway Provider Network  
From: Provider Relations Department  
Re: Revised Spirometry Testing Announcement

In March you received a fax announcing that effective April 1, 2011, Gateway will reimburse our capitated PCPs a fee-for-service payment for providing in-office spirometry testing on Gateway patients that are currently diagnosed with a respiratory condition.

The codes given to providers in the March announcement for billing in-office spirometry testing were incorrect. Please refer to the following revised announcement for the correct codes and billing requirements.

We apologize for this error. If you have any questions please contact your Provider Relations Representative or the Provider Services Department at 1-800-392-1145 for Medicaid or for *Medicare Assured*® inquiries call 1-800-685-5205.



# **REVISED**

## **Important Information about Spirometry Testing**

### **COPD on the Rise**

As recently reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COPD is now the third most common cause of mortality in the United States.<sup>1, 2</sup> Early diagnosis and treatment is needed to reverse this alarming trend. In order to properly diagnose COPD a test must be conducted. Spirometry is the simplest in-office lung function test that can be performed.

Effective April 1, 2011, Gateway presents an opportunity for you to receive Fee-for-Service reimbursement when you provide in office Spirometry testing on your Gateway Medicaid patients that are currently diagnosed with a respiratory condition. Spirometry testing is already reimbursed Fee-for-Service for your *Medicare Assured*<sup>®</sup> patients.

This test can be easily provided in your office, by a non-clinician. Immediate feedback based on Spirometry results at the time of patient encounters may result in earlier diagnosis of COPD, and improved treatment and outcomes. You will be paid a fee for performing this test in your office on ANY Gateway member when the claim is submitted with one of the below procedure codes along with a Respiratory Disease diagnosis (ICD-9 Code Range - 460-519).

If you are not already performing Spirometry testing, please contact your medical supplier regarding purchasing the equipment. All providers must bill with the below codes and effective April 1, 2011 will be reimbursed at the rates listed.

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Reimbursement</b>
94010	\$15.00
94060	\$19.00

This change is in keeping with our mission to positively affect the health of our members and promote continuous quality improvement. If you have any questions please contact your Provider Relations Representative or the Provider Services Department at 1-800-392-1145 for Medicaid or for *Medicare Assured*<sup>®</sup> inquiries call 1-800-685-5205.

Sincerely,

The Provider Relations Department  
Gateway Health Plan<sup>®</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Strokes drops to fourth leading cause of death in 2008. Press Release. December 9, 2010. [www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2010/r101209.html](http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2010/r101209.html). Accessed March 17, 2011

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics, 1960-2010. [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/about/nchs\\_50th\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/about/nchs_50th_brochure.pdf). Accessed March 17, 2011.