

KEYSTONE MERCY

A Program of Keystone First and Mercy Health Plan



200 Stevens Drive
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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November 29, 2005

Dear Dialysis Provider:

Effective November 1, 2005, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) has eliminated the use of local codes for dialysis services. These local codes are being replaced with HIPAA compliant codes for dialysis services. Keystone Mercy Health Plan has adopted this billing guideline to be consistent with DPW and HIPAA regulations. Effectively immediately, please submit dialysis claims using the compliant codes. Keystone Mercy will continue to accept the local codes through January 31, 2006 to allow for your billing systems to be updated.

LOCAL CODE

W0920

COMPLIANT CODE

90935-with modifier U7

or

90937-with modifier U7

Please note that the U7 modifier must be billed with procedure codes 90935 and 90937. Thank you for your continued commitment to serving our members. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mica Bethea, Ancillary Contract Representative, at 215-937-8331.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Stanton".

Todd Stanton
Associate Vice President
Provider Network Management