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**To: All Fee-For-Service Physicians**

**Re: Billing for Patients Referred to Specialists by Nurse Practitioners**

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are authorized under their Regulations to consult with a specialist physician. This may occur when the primary care physician with whom they have a collaborative working relationship is not available and also if such consultation is appropriate to patient needs and practice setting.

The purpose of this newsletter is to clarify that fee-for-service specialists who are referred patients by NPs in these circumstances, are permitted to bill MCP consultation fees and, subsequently, referred rates for follow-up visits.

The documentation requirements for specialist consultation services when the patient has been referred by a NP are the same as if the patient had been referred by another physician, save that the consultant's written reply should be sent to the NP and, if applicable, copied to the collaborating primary care physician.

Questions relating to the contents of this Newsletter may be directed to the Assistant Director of Medical Services at 758-1501.

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