

**\*\*\*ATTENTION DENTAL PROVIDERS\*\*\***

EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICES JANUARY 1, 2005 AND AFTER, PROVIDERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ENTER THE ICD-9-CM DIAGNOSIS CODE ON THE CLAIM FORM WHEN PROVIDING EMERGENCY CARE VISITS INCLUDING X-RAYS, EXTRACTIONS AND ORAL SURGERY SERVICES.

PROVIDERS ARE REMINDED THAT ONLY EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO TREAT AN ACUTE MEDICAL CONDITION REQUIRING IMMEDIATE CARE ARE ALLOWED FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE MASSHEALTH LIMITED COVERAGE AS DESCRIBED IN 130 CMR 450.105 (G)(1) BELOW.

FOR MASSHEALTH LIMITED MEMBERS (SEE 130 CMR 505.008 AND 519.009), MASSHEALTH WILL ONLY PAY FOR THE TREATMENT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION (INCLUDING LABOR AND DELIVERY) THAT MANIFESTS ITSELF BY ACUTE SYMPTOMS OF SUFFICIENT SEVERITY THAT THE ABSENCE OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION REASONABLY COULD BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN;

- (A) PLACING THE MEMBER'S HEALTH IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY;
- (B) SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT TO BODILY FUNCTIONS; OR
- (C) SERIOUS DYSFUNCTION OF ANY BODILY ORGAN OR PART.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS, PLEASE CONTACT MASSHEALTH PROVIDER SERVICES AT 617-628-4141 OR 1-800-325-5231.