TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Anthony Marple, Director, Office of MaineCare Services


DATE: June 30, 2009

The Department gives notice of a proposed repeal of a rule: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II & III, Section 62, Genetic Testing and Clinical Genetic Services. The Department is repealing this section of the MaineCare Benefits Manual to simplify the billing for this service and to repeal outdated clinical provisions currently in Section 62, Genetic Testing and Clinical Genetic Services. Currently the majority of genetic services are being billed under Sections 90 and 55 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual. Providers who were currently billing under Section 62 will now bill under Sections 90, Physicians Services and 55, Laboratory Services, as appropriate. No services are being reduced as a result of this rulemaking.

Rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed at and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website at or, http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bms/rules/provider_rules_policies.htm or a fee, interested parties may request a paper copy of rules by calling 207-287-9368. For those who are deaf or hard of hearing and have a TTY machine, the TTY number is 1-800-423-4331.

A concise summary of the proposed rule is provided in the Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal. This notice also provides information regarding the rule-making process. Please address all comments to the agency contact person identified in the Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal.
Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II & III, Section 62, Genetic Testing and Clinical Genetic Services

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:

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THIS RULE WILL _X_ WILL NOT __ HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A., § 42, § 3173

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing is not being schedule for this rulemaking unless five or more people request a hearing.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: Comments must be received by midnight August 7, 2009

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