To: All PCPs, Hospitals, Anesthesiologists, Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Orthopedics, Orthopedic Surgeons and Pain Management Clinics

Contracts Affected: All Lines of Business, with exception as noted below

Sacroiliac Joint Arthrography and Injection

Effective September 1, 2009, the following CPT and HCPCS procedure codes will be considered Experimental/Investigational (EI) and will be indicated as such in the Code and Comment section on our web site:

- 27096 – Injection procedure for sacroiliac joint, arthrography and/or anesthetic/steroid
- 73542 – Radiological examination, sacroiliac joint arthrography, radiological supervision and interpretation
- G0259 – Injection procedure for sacroiliac joint; arthrography (for hospital use only)
- G0260 – Injection procedure for sacroiliac joint; provision of anesthetic, steroid and/or other therapeutic agent, with or without arthrography (for hospital use only)

If guidance is performed by means other than the service described by CPT code 73542, such as fluoroscopy or computed tomography, those services will also be considered investigational when performed with sacroiliac joint arthrography and injection.

Prior approval is not required, but is recommended; supporting documentation to determine medical necessity must be submitted to Use Management when requesting approval.

Please refer to the Technology Assessment Protocol on our provider web site for explanation as to how a service is determined to be Experimental/Investigational.

For Medicare Advantage contracts, we follow the local Medicare Contractor’s (National Government Services), Local Coverage Determination policy on Pain Management (L28529), which indicates medical necessity criteria for sacroiliac joint arthrography and injections.