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Dear Administrator:

Recently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Medicare will no longer accept outpatient claims with ICD-9 principal procedure codes. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that, effective November 1, 2004, Humana will also enforce the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) code set compliance as follows:

- **Outpatient facility claims with ICD-9 principal procedure codes will be rejected.** Humana will follow the HIPAA standard medical code set of HCPCS/CPT codes for outpatient services. If your facility submits outpatient facility claims with ICD-9 principal procedure codes after November 1, 2004, the rejection message will state, "ICD-9 valid only for hospital inpatient bill types."
- **Inpatient hospital claims with HCPCS/CPT principal procedure codes will be rejected.** Humana will follow the HIPAA standard medical code set of ICD-9 procedure codes for inpatient hospital procedures. If your facility submits inpatient hospital claims with HCPCS/CPT principal procedure codes after November 1, 2004, the rejection message will state, "ICD-9 must be used for hospital inpatient reporting."

To avoid claim rejections related to HIPAA compliance, please review your billing procedures to ensure that your claims are fully compliant. Humana is moving toward full HIPAA compliance and encourages its providers to do so as well.

We hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Humana Customer Service at 1-800-4-HUMANA (1-800-448-6262). Thank you for your care of our members.

Sincerely,

<Insert Signatory Name>

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