

**TO: ALL PROVIDERS**

**FROM: CAREFIRST, INC., MEDICARE PART A**

**DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2002**

**SUBJECT: SYSTEM PROBLEM ON CLAIMS FOR NCD IRON STUDIES**

**Medical Review has identified a system problem affecting outpatient claims with dates of service on/after November 25, 2002, billed between 11/25/2002 and 12/18/2002, representing the HCPCS codes for the National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Iron Studies. The claims will contain reason code 50939. A correction was made, and the claims are being adjusted in-house at present.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT APPEALS FOR THESE DENIED SERVICES.**

**Any questions related to this issue can be addressed to:**

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