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As set forth in OAH Transmittal 98-49, the use of "NQRA" in the secondary agency field is required when coding issues involving eligibility determinations made by the NYS Quality Review Alliance Utilization Review (NYSQRA) Demonstration. Previously, when "NQRA" was coded in the secondary agency position, hearing notification and a copy of the decision was sent to Sandra Silvanic, our agency contact for the NYS Quality Review Alliance. In addition, a second copy of the fair hearing decision was generated for Gerald Stenson at the NYS Department of Health.

Effective immediately, Ms. Silvanic has requested that she no longer receive NQRA fair hearing notifications and decisions, since the demonstration project has come to an end. Rather, Harry Feder, our contact for the Island Peer Review Organization, has been designated as the contact for NQRA cases. This office will be responsible for preparation of the summary for submission to the hearing. Therefore, when "NQRA" is coded in the secondary agency position, scheduling notifications, modifications, and a copy of the fair hearing decision will be generated to:

Island Peer Review Organization Att: Harry Feder 1979 Marcus Avenue, First Floor Lake Success, NY 11042

Telephone: (516) 326-7767, ext. 528

Fax: (516) 328-2310

Mr. Stenson will now be provided with initial scheduling notifications and modifications in addition to the decision after hearings at the same address as before:

Mr. Gerald Stenson, Principal Medical Care Administrator NYS Department of Health Bureau of Hospital and Primary Care Services 433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

Phone: (518) 402-1017 Fax: (518) 402-1010

Coding for NQRA fair hearing requests has not changed and should continue as follows:

Agency: LDSS/NQRA or NMAP/NQRA

Category: MA
Subcategory: None
Issue Code: 219

Action DEN/REDU/INAD

It is no longer necessary to bring these fair hearing requests to the attention of Sue Fiehl, as was the previous procedure. Any questions with respect to this transmittal can be discussed with your supervisor or with Sue Fiehl at (518) 473-4779 or via e-mail 90J029@state.ny.us.

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