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Dear Health Care Professional:

Facilities -- revised policy and new effective date

In the June 2010 issue of *OfficeLink Updates*TM, we informed you of a proposed policy about multiple procedure reduction for CT scans, MRIs or ultrasounds. We will not apply this policy as planned on November 15, 2010.

Practitioners and facilities – new claims payment policy

With dates of service on or after **February 1, 2011**, we will allow multiple CT scans, MRIs or ultrasounds on the same day at 50 percent for the subsequent scan(s). We are basing this policy on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) multiple procedure reduction policy for certain diagnostic imaging procedures.

The reduction will apply to:

- scans performed on contiguous body areas
- technical and global charges
- facility and medical claims, including independent radiology centers

The reduction will not apply to:

- professional fees billed separately
- claim lines billed with Modifier 59

We're here to answer your questions

Refer to www.aetna.com to view past issues of *OfficeLink Updates*. Thank you for your attention to this policy change. If you have questions, call our Provider Service Center at:

- **1-800-624-0756** for HMO-based and Medicare Advantage plans
- **1-888-MDAetna (1-888-632-3862)** for all other plans

Sincerely,

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