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ALB OAH Staff [x] UPS ALJs/ [] Upstate LDSS [x] SUP ALJs []	Subject: Change in Language for Issue Code 268 to Clarify the
NYC OAH Staff [x] NYC ALJs/ [] NYC Agencies [x]	Need for Prior Approval for Tubal Reversals vs. Tubal Ligations

Effective immediately, the language for issue code 268 has been changed to clarify in what circumstances notification must be made to the Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO) and Office of Health Systems Management (OHSM)* for matters concerning tubal ligations or tubal reversals. Requests for tubal ligations do not require prior approval by OHSM or notification to IPRO. Therefore, IPRO should not be used in the agency field (with OHSM in the Subcategory field) when coding fair hearing requests concerning denials related to tubal ligations. In matters concerning tubal reversals, IPRO should be used in the agency field (with OHSM in the Subcategory field). The new language for issue code 268 reads as follows with the changes appearing in bold:

268 - IPRO-DENIAL FOR DRUGS AND ELECTIVE SURGERY

(DENIAL NOTICE ORIGINATES FROM IPRO. OHSM CONTRACTS WITH IPRO TO
REVIEW REQUESTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL FOR PSYCHOTIC DISORDER DRUGS
AS WELL AS HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY SUCH AS
COSMETIC SURGERY, TUBAL REVERSALS)

Note: Tubal ligations (tubes tied) does not require PRIOR APPROVAL by either OSHM or IPRO.

Coding is as follows:

Denials of coverage for tubal reversals:

Agency: NMAP/IPRO (NYC)

LDSS/IPRO (Upstate)

Category: MA

Subcategory: OHSM (NYC)

None (Upstate)

Action: INAD Issue Code: 268 Aid Status: NA Denials of coverage for tubal ligations:

Agency: NMAP (NYC)

LDSS (Upstate)

Category: MA

Subcategory: None (NYC)

None (Upstate)

Action: INAD Issue Code: 268 Aid Status: NA

A revised issue code page is attached for your use in updating your codes. If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Sue Fiehl at (518) 473-4779 or via e-mail 90J029.

*The terminology "Office of Health Systems Management (OHSM)" is used to reflect what is programmed into FHIS. The agency's current name is the Office of Medicaid Management (OMM).

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