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## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS & ADVANCED PRACTICE PHARMACISTS ADDED TO A GUIDE TO PROCEDURE CODES

This Bulletin is to notify Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal providers that A Guide to Procedure Codes for Claiming Mental Health Services (SMHS) has been updated to include Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Pharmacists as reimbursable disciplines effective July 1, 2017.

*NOTE: The Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) is still in the process of being updated to account for this change. Please hold any claims in IBHIS related to Physician Assistants/Advanced Practice Pharmacists until August 1, 2017.*

### Physician Assistant Reimbursable Services:

- Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview (Assessment)
- Evaluation & Management Medication Support Services
- Comprehensive Medication Support Services

### Advanced Practice Pharmacists Reimbursable Services:

- Evaluation & Management Medication Support Services
- Comprehensive Medication Support Services

*NOTE: Advanced Practice Pharmacists are not permitted to complete the Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview (Assessment) and may not diagnose. They must provide services in accord with the diagnosis rendered by a qualified discipline.*

### Other revisions to the Guide to Procedure Codes:

- Added a new page specifically for descriptions of reimbursable disciplines (page 8)
- Provided clarification that MD/DOs must be Board Certified/Board Eligible Psychiatrists to be reimbursed for SMHS or, with written approval from LACDMH, other qualified physicians
- Separated out prescription by phone from other H2010 services (page 29)

Please refer to the revised Guide to Procedure Codes at:

[http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/admin\\_tools/prov\\_manuals](http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/admin_tools/prov_manuals) .

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