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NEW PROCEDURE CODES ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS & MEDICATION INJECTIONS

New Codes will not be available for use by Network (Fee-for-Service) Providers

Background

In order to ensure the Department is able to distinguish specific Medication Support Services and claim Medicare and Medi-Cal appropriately, new procedure codes have been implemented for the oral administration of medications and medication injections. These services have been previously reported under H2010. Both procedure codes are considered Medication Support Services (MSS), Service Function Codes 60-69, and will be reimbursed at a Legal Entity's existing MSS rate. The Guide to Procedure Codes has been updated to reflect these new Procedure Codes.

**The complete updated Guide to Procedure Codes can be found at
http://dmh.lacounty.gov/ToolsForAdministrators/agency_admin.html**

Implementation

The new Procedure Codes will be available for use in the IS as of the date of this Bulletin, **March 25, 2011**. Directly-operated programs should begin utilizing these new codes as soon as possible. Contractors should begin using these new codes as soon as they are able to update their systems. Both types of medication administration services may continue to be reported under Comprehensive Medication Support, H2010, until directly-operated programs have been able to incorporate the change into their operations and until contract agencies are able to update their systems, which will optimally occur no later than June 1, 2011.

Note: Any medication administration services previously provided and documented using H2010, should not be updated with these new procedure codes.

The New Codes

Intramuscular Injections - 96372

Effective the date of the Bulletin this code can be used for intramuscular injections instead of H2010. For Directly-Operated programs, this code will claim to Medicare when used by Physicians or Nurse Practitioners.

Oral Medication Administration – H0033

Effective the date of the Bulletin this code can be used for oral medication administration instead of H2010. For Directly-Operated programs, this code will NOT be sent to Medicare.

The new codes can be used by any of the following disciplines:

- Physicians (MD/DO)
- Nurse Practitioners (NP)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Pharmacists*
- Psychiatric Technician (PT)
- Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
- Registered Nurses (RN)
- Student professionals in these disciplines with co-signature

For further information regarding claiming for these new procedure codes in the Integrated System (IS), please see RMD Bulletins “DMH 11-009” and “NGA 11-007” .

If you have questions regarding the information in this QA Bulletin, please contact your Service Area QA liaison.

* While the Pharmacist discipline has been included as a discipline that can use the Intramuscular Injections (96372) Procedure Code, per the Pharmacist laws and regulations a facility must have policies and procedures in place in order for a pharmacist to administer injections. If these codes are used by an agency, it is up to that agency to ensure these additional requirements are met. The laws and regulations regarding the permitted procedures by a Pharmacist can be found at: http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/lawbook.pdf

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