

2013 PROCEDURE CODES CHANGES

FOR DIRECTLY-OPERATED AND CONTRACTED
AGENCIES

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Overview

- Effective January 1, 2013 CPT procedure codes will change at the Federal Level
- Includes significant changes to psychiatric CPT procedure codes
 - Assessment
 - Psychotherapy
 - Medication

Overview

- CPT Procedure Code Changes at the Federal Level include “add-on” codes for:
 - “Interactive Complexity” service status
 - Additional psychotherapy time with E&M codes
 - Additional time during psychotherapy in crisis
- “Add-on” codes would require:
 - Significant changes to the IS
 - The use of two (or more) procedure codes on a claim

Overview

- LAC-DMH Changes:
 - Inactivating old and adopting new procedure codes for:
 - Assessment
 - Psychotherapy
 - Inactivating the procedure code for:
 - Individual Medication Support
 - Adding new procedure codes for:
 - Psychological Testing
 - Evaluation & Management
 - Psychotherapy in Crisis
 - Will not be implementing:
 - Add-on codes
 - Assessment with Medical

Assessment

- Inactive procedure codes:
 - 90801 (Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview)
 - 90802 (Interactive Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview)
- New procedure code:
 - 90791 (Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview)
- Comments:
 - 90791 may be used as a direct replacement for 90801 and 90802
 - See page 1 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Psychological Testing

- Inactive procedure codes:
 - None
- New procedure codes:
 - 96105 (Assessment of Aphasia by QHCP)
 - 96110 (Developmental Testing, limited, by QHCP)
 - 96111 (Developmental Testing, extended, by QHCP)
 - 96116 (Neurobehavioral Status Exam by Licensed Psych/Trained MD/DO)
 - 96118 (Neuropsychological Testing by Licensed Psych/Trained MD/DO)
 - 96119 (Neuropsychological Testing by QHCP)
 - 96120 (Neuropsychological Testing administered by computer by QHCP)
 - 96125 (Standardized Cognitive Performance Testing by QHCP)

Psychological Testing

- Comments:
 - 90889 will no longer be used along with psychological testing
 - Qualified Health Care Professional (QHCP) includes:
 - Waivered PhD/PsyD
 - Doctoral psychology students w/co-signature
 - See pages 2 and 3 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Psychotherapy

- Inactive procedure codes:
 - 90804 (Individual Psychotherapy 20-44 min)
 - 90806 (Individual Psychotherapy 45-74 min)
 - 90808 (Individual Psychotherapy 75+ min)
 - 90810 (Interactive Psychotherapy 20-44 min)
 - 90812 (Interactive Psychotherapy 45-74 min)
 - 90814 (Interactive Psychotherapy 75+ min)
- New procedure codes:
 - 90832 (Individual Psychotherapy 16-37 min)
 - 90834 (Individual Psychotherapy 38-52 min)
 - 90837 (Individual Psychotherapy 53+ min)
- Comments:
 - Will no longer distinguish interactive psychotherapy
 - Face to face time limits have changes
 - See page 4 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Psychotherapy in Crisis

- Inactive procedure code:
 - None
- New procedure code:
 - 90839
- Comments:
 - Staff must be qualified to provide psychotherapy
 - See Guide to Procedure Codes for a listing of staff qualified
 - Includes use of psychotherapeutic interventions to minimize the potential for psychological trauma
 - See page 5 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Psychotherapy (E&M)

- Inactive procedure codes:
 - 90805 (Psychotherapy w/E&M 20-44 min)
 - 90807 (Psychotherapy w/E&M 45-74 min)
 - 90809 (Psychotherapy w/E&M 75+ min)
 - 90811 (Interactive Psychotherapy w/E&M 20-44 min)
 - 90813 (Interactive Psychotherapy w/E&M 45-74 min)
 - 90815 (Interactive Psychotherapy w/E&M 75+ min)
- New procedure codes:
 - None
- Comments:
 - See page 6 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Group Psychotherapy

- Inactive procedure codes:
 - 90857 (Interactive Group Psychotherapy)
- New procedure codes:
 - None
- Comments:
 - Will no longer distinguish interactive group psychotherapy
 - See page 10 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Medication Support Services

- Inactive procedure code:
 - 90862 (Individual Medication Service)
- New procedure codes:
 - Appropriate Evaluation & Management Services (E&M)

Evaluation & Management (E&M)

- Comments:
 - Must be an MD, DO or NP
 - Procedure Code depends on:
 - Severity of the problem
 - Presence of different components (must be documented)
 - New or Established client
 - New is defined as not having been seen in the past 3 years
 - E&M procedure codes are considered medication support services
 - See the Guide to Procedure Codes for the components and severity descriptions for each procedure code
 - Medication Notes will be updated to reflect these procedure codes
 - See pages 11, 12 and 13 of the Guide to Procedure Codes

Evaluation & Management (E&M)

- New vs Established Client:
 - CPT Manual states:
 - “A new patient is one who has not received any professional services from the physician or another physician of the same specialty who belongs to the same group practice within the past three years.”
 - LA County has defined a new client as:
 - A client who has not been seen by an MD/DO/NP within the past three years at the same Billing Provider/Reporting Unit
 - It does not have to be the same MD/DO/NP
 - Client's are only considered new for one visit

Evaluation & Management (E&M)

- Time for E&M Codes:
 - CPT Manual states:
 - History, Examination and Medical Decision Making are the key components in determining the E&M code, NOT TIME.
 - “The specific times expressed in the visit code descriptors are averages, and therefore represent a range of times which may be higher or lower depending on actual clinical circumstances.”
 - LA County has determined for Directly-Operated that:
 - Time ranges, although provided with each E&M code in the Procedure Codes Manual, DO NOT determine which E&M code to choose
 - Yes, this is different than the way other codes (e.g. psychotherapy) are associated with time
 - The actual time spent (face-to-face and other) must be documented on the note even if it does NOT coincide with the time ranges provided in the Guide to Procedure Codes for the particular E&M code chosen

Evaluation & Management (E&M)

Office or Outpatient

- 99201 (New Client: E&M 1-15 min)
- 99202 (New Client: E&M 16-25 min)
- 99203 (New Client: E&M 26-37 min)
- 99204 (New Client: E&M 38-52 min)
- 99205 (New Client: E&M 53+ min)
- 99212 (Established: E&M 1-12 min)
- 99213 (Established: E&M 13-20 min)
- 99214 (Established: E&M 21-32 min)
- 99215 (Established: E&M 33+ min)

Home

- 99341 (New Client: E&M 1-25 min)
- 99342 (New Client: E&M 26-37 min)
- 99343 (New Client: E&M 38-52 min)
- 99344 (New Client: E&M 53-67 min)
- 99345 (New Client: E&M 68+ min)
- 99347 (Established: E&M 1-20 min)
- 99348 (Established: E&M 21-35 min)
- 99349 (Established: E&M 36-52 min)
- 99350 (Established: E&M 53+ min)

Evaluation & Management (E&M)

- Implementation of E&M Codes for Directly-Operated:
 - The new medication forms MUST be used (revision date 12/11/12)
 - Staff MUST choose from one of the codes listed on the form
 - M0064 will no longer be used (it is still an active procedure code that may be used by Contractors)
 - The E&M codes do NOT require a prescription to be made (unlike 90862 and M0064)
 - H2010 should be used instead of an E&M code when using the Brief Medication Form for an prescription refill over the telephone

Implementation

- Changes made in the IS:
 - New codes available for Dates of Service starting January 1, 2013
 - Inactive codes no longer available for Dates of Service on or after July 1, 2013
- Directly-Operated Agencies:
 - Immediately (January 1, 2013)
- Contract Agencies:
 - Within six months
 - Please be aware Medicare or other Private Insurance will not provide this same grace period which may result in rejected claims if the inactive codes are used after January 1, 2013

Implementation

- Discussed in December/January QIC meetings
- Powerpoint or Captivate will be posted on-line
- QA Bulletin available at:
http://file.lacounty.gov/dmh/cms1_187555.pdf
- Revised Guide to Procedure Codes available at:
http://file.lacounty.gov/dmh/cms1_159845.pdf
- Clinical Records Bulletin re: Med Forms at:
http://file.lacounty.gov/dmh/cms1_188063.pdf

Questions

- Questions may be referred to:
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