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NEW OUTCOME MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE CODE

This Bulletin is to notify all providers that a new procedure code, **S9986HE** [Not Medically Necessary Service (Outcome Measurement)], is now available in the Integrated System (IS) and the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS). S9986HE is a Mode 15 Mental Health Service (MHS) claimed by the minute. This code is not billable to Medi-Cal. *Note: Because this service is not billable to Medi-Cal, Legal Entity providers using IBHIS will add the HX modifier to the procedure code (i.e. S9986HEHX) and submit using the non-Medi-Cal funded program.* S9986HE (and S9986HEHX) may be used for any date of service on or after January 1, 2017. Keep in mind that a progress note must be present to claim for any retroactive services.

The Not Medically Necessary Service (Outcome Measurement) procedure code may be used by practitioners (i.e. have an NPI and set up in the IS and/or IBHIS) of any discipline for activities related to completing and scoring outcome measures that are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal. This procedure code includes the following activities:

- Reviewing and interpreting completed outcome questionnaires where the activity is not part of treatment planning
- Scoring of measures
- Entering scaled scores, individual item responses or total scores into the Electronic Health Record (EHR), Outcome Measures Application (OMA), or other internal reporting system/ spreadsheet
- Engaging client/parent/caregiver to complete a measure that is not otherwise billable as a mental health service
- Reading outcome questionnaires to clients/family members where the activity is not part of a billable intervention or assessment

This new procedure code is only available using full-cost Prevention and Early Intervention Mental Health Services Act (PEI MHSA) funding. Legal Entity providers who are delivering LACDMH approved MHSA PEI mental health services will be receiving a small allocation of non-Medi-Cal MHSA PEI dollars to be used for this purpose. Providers must verify that they have sufficient funding prior to claiming this code. For any questions regarding MHSA PEI funding and allocation of non-Medi-Cal MHSA PEI dollars, providers should contact their District Chiefs.

A Guide to Procedure Codes for Claiming Mental Health Services and the IBHIS Addendum Guide to Services and Procedure Codes have been updated to reflect the above changes and are available on-line at: http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/admin_tools/prov_manuals

If Contracted or Directly-Operated providers have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact your Service Area QA Liaison.

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