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GUIDE TO PROCEDURE CODES UPDATES

The Guide to Procedure Codes for Specialty Mental Health Services (“the Guide”) has been updated based on information provided in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 Service Table and Payment Reform Frequently Asked Questions as well as other written responses from DHCS.

Below is a summary of significant updates to the Guide effective for FY 2024/2025 with dates of services on or after July 1, 2024. For directly operated staff using IBHIS, no change in practice is needed as all updates are accounted for centrally through IBHIS set-up.

STRUCTURE OF GUIDE:

- ✓ Added statement about Medicare billing related to claims for T2021 and T2024

MODIFIERS:

- ✓ Replaced reference to G2212 with G0316, T2021, and T2024

PROCEDURE CODES:

- ✓ Removed G2212 as an allowable prolonged add-on code.
- ✓ Added HCPCS codes T2021 and T2024 as new primary codes to use when certain durations are met for services that may no longer be extended by G2212.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code G0316 to replace prolonged service code G2212 for the following codes: 99236, 99223 and 99233.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code 99415 and 99416 to replace G2212 for the following codes: 99205 and 99215.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code 99417 for code 99245, 99345, and 99350.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code 99418 to replace G2212 for the following codes: 99306, 99310, and 99255.
- ✓ Removed prolonged add-on code G2212 for the following codes: 96372, 96373, and 96377. These codes are no longer extended.

Please refer to the Appendix for more specific instruction and information on the above noted changes and the difference between FY23/24 and FY24/25.

- ✓ Deleted code 99343: Evaluation & Management Home Visit due to duration changes.
- ✓ Updated the age ranges for crisis and adult residential codes. Codes with HA modifier combination are for clients under the age of 21 and codes with HB modifier combination are for clients ages 21 to 64.

In addition to the items noted above, many procedure codes had changes in duration, Practitioner Specific Lockout Codes, and/or Practitioner Second Services Requiring Modifier.

Please refer to the track changes version of the Guide to Procedure Codes for detailed information on the above changes.

Other updates to the Guide which were previously shared but had not yet been added to the Guide are detailed below. These changes are not specific to Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and apply to all dates of service on or after July 1, 2023.

DISCIPLINES/CATEGORIES/TAXONOMIES:

- ✓ Added reference for ASW, AMFT, and APCC that they must be registered with the Board or pending registration per the Board of Behavioral Sciences 90-Day Rule.
- ✓ Clarified information for ASW, AMFT, APCC, and Waivered Psychologist regarding use of modifiers.
- ✓ Clarified information for MD/DO Residents use of modifiers.
- ✓ Replaced “Student” with “Clinical Trainee” and provided definition of Clinical Trainee.
- ✓ Clarified information for Clinical Trainee to include the procedure code modifier as well as their supervisor’s NPI information when rendering services.
- ✓ Clarified information that non Medi-Cal claims, including COS, rendered by Clinical Trainees do not include student modifiers but do require their supervisor’s NPI information.

MODIFIERS:

- ✓ Clarified information around use of HX modifier

PROCEDURE CODES:

- ✓ Added Murphy Bed and Special Population Inpatient Bed codes.
- ✓ Added Section for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Professional Services along with table for physician and psychologist codes.

If directly-operated or contracted providers have any questions related to this Bulletin, please contact the QA Unit at QAPolicy@dmh.lacounty.gov

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