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GUIDE TO PROCEDURE CODES UPDATES

The Guide to Procedure Codes for Specialty Mental Health Services (“the Guide”) has been updated to provide clearer guidance and clarification on the use of modifiers, service codes, and discipline/taxonomy. Below is a summary of updates to the Guide effective for FY 2024/2025 with dates of service starting July 1, 2024, unless otherwise specified. For directly operated staff using IBHIS, no change in practice is needed as all updates are accounted for centrally through IBHIS set-up.

INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ Added statement referring providers to the American Medical Associations’ (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codebook for description of codes and rules on usage and selection.

MODIFIERS:

- ✓ Added statement clarifying add-on code T1013 cannot be used with add-on codes 90785, 90887:CG and 96161.
- ✓ Added statement about add-on codes T1013, 90785:CG and 96161 not allowed in residential settings.
- ✓ Revised Duplicate and Lockout Override section into two separate sections.
- ✓ Added clarification about duplicate check only considers the HQ modifier and that travel claims by Legal Entity providers in programs approved for travel are exempt from the duplicate check.

DISCIPLINE/TAXONOMY:

- ✓ Retitled Discipline Description to IBHIS Discipline Description.
- ✓ Added Column for IBHIS Practitioner Category Code and Description.

PROCEDURE CODES:

- ✓ Added statement that as of **January 1, 2025**, Evaluation & Management codes 99441, 99442, and 99443 will be discontinued and to use H2017 until a replacement code is determined.
- ✓ Removed modifier 93 for psychological testing codes 96105, 96125, and 96146.
- ✓ Removed Certified Peer Specialist as an allowable discipline for H0032.
- ✓ Revised 99231 Evaluation & Management code maximum duration from 35 to 34 minutes.
- ✓ Added section for Justice Involved warm linkage service codes, effective October 1, 2024 as referenced in QA Bulletin [24-08](#).
- ✓ Revised Specific Lockout Codes or Specific Second Service Requiring Modifier for service codes 90834, T2024(90865) and T2021(90837).

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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