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<b>SUBJECT</b>  Updates to the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule for HHA Nursing Visits		<b>BY</b>   Leesa M. Allen, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All providers (including all associated service locations - 13 digits) who enrolled on or before **March 25, 2011** must revalidate their enrollment information no later than **March 24, 2016**. New enrollment application including all revalidation requirements may be found at [http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S\\_001994](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S_001994). Please send in your application(s) as soon as possible.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of procedure code changes for Home Health Agency (HHA) nursing visits to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule, effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2016.

**SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to all MA Program enrolled HHAs who render services to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service delivery system. HHAs who render services to MA beneficiaries in the managed care delivery system should direct any coding and payment related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Human Services (Department) is end-dating a procedure code from and adding procedure codes to the MA Program Fee Schedule as a result of coding changes published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The coding changes affect the MA Program’s HHA nursing visits.

The Department is end-dating procedure code G0154, defined as “Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed nurse (LPN or RN) in the home health or hospice setting” on March 1, 2016. The Department is adding procedure codes G0299, defined as “Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting” and G0300, defined as “Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed practical

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nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting,” effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2016.

**PROCEDURE:**

The following procedure codes and modifiers are being added to the MA Program Fee Schedule for HHA nursing visits. Effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2016, HHAs are to use the following procedure code and modifier combinations to submit claims for HHA nursing visits rendered by a RN or LPN in the home setting.

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Provider Type	Specialty	Place of Service	Pricing Modifier	Info Modifier	MA Fee	MA Units of Service	Limits	PA Required
G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting.	05	050	12	U8		\$88	Per Visit	Unlimited visits first 28 days	Yes
G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting.	05	050	12	U8	UD	\$88	Per Visit	Limited to 15 days per month after first 28 days	Yes
G0300	Direct skilled nursing of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting.	05	050	12	U8		\$88	Per Visit	Unlimited visits first 28 days	Yes
G0300	Direct skilled nursing of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting.	05	050	12	U8	UD	\$88	Per Visit	Limited to 15 days per month after first 28 days	Yes

MA enrolled HHAs may view the online version of the MA Program Fee Schedule by accessing the following web site link:

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/publications/forproviders/schedules/outpatientfeeschedule/index.htm>