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SUBJECT Changes to the Program Exception Process as a Result of End-Dating Local Procedure Codes	BY  James L. Hardy Acting Deputy Secretary	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin is to notify providers of changes to the 1150 Waiver Process, i.e., Program Exception (PE) process as a result of the end-dating of local procedure codes effective for dates of service on or after December 5, 2005.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers that request PE for services provided to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers requesting PE under the managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Administrative Simplification provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt national standards for transactions and codes sets. 42 U.S.C. § 1320d-2(a), (c). The HIPAA regulations require the Department of Public Welfare (Department) to use national codes. 45 C.F.R. § 162.1000. In accordance with HIPAA and the implementing regulations, the Department is end-dating local procedure codes for PE requests.

PROCEDURE:

Effective for dates of service on or after December 5, 2005, the prescriber or provider of service, as applicable, must submit the PE request, required supporting medical documentation, the national procedure code for the service that is to be provided and the appropriately completed MA-97 Form. If the PE request is completed by telephone, the prescriber or provider of service, as applicable, must have available at the time of the telephone call, the supporting medical documentation and the national procedure code for the service that is to be provided.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.
Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap

The prescriber or provider will continue to follow the usual process for requesting PE in accordance with requirements set forth in Title 55 Pa.Code, Chapter 1150 MA Program Payment Policies, Section 1150.63 related to Waivers and according to directions provided in the appropriate Provider Handbook.