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SUBJECT
Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Occupational Therapy Services

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify occupational therapists of the national procedure code and modifier which will be used in place of the local procedure code for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all occupational therapists who render occupational therapy services to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients under age 21 in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers rendering occupational therapy services 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 the local procedure codes for occupational therapy service.

PROCEDURE:

The attached spreadsheet cross walks the local to national procedure code by identifying the local procedure code currently used for occupational therapy services that is being end-dated and the national procedure code and modifier that is replacing it.

Local procedure code W5300 is being end-dated for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006. It is being replaced by national procedure code 97530, which is already on the MA Program Fee Schedule.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

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Columns one through four of the attached spreadsheet provide information related to the end-dated Local Procedure Code, former MAMIS Provider Type, former MAMIS Type of Service, and Local Code Description. Columns five through fourteen provide information on the National Procedure Code, PROMISe™ Provider Type and PROMISe™ Provider Specialty eligible to bill the procedure code, PROMISe™ Place of Service, required Pricing Modifier and Informational Modifier, National Procedure Code Description, MA Unit of Service, MA Fee, and Comments. Failure to use the appropriate national procedure code and modifier combination will result in inappropriate claim payment or claim denial.

Services rendered on or after January 1, 2006 must be billed using the national procedure code.

ATTACHMENT: Occupational Therapy Services Local to National Procedure Codes
Cross Walk