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SUBJECT: Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Healthy Beginnings Plus Program Services		BY:  David S. Feinberg Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify Healthy Beginning Plus Program providers of the national procedure codes and modifiers, as applicable, which will be used in place of local procedure codes for dates of service on or after October 1, 2005.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all Healthy Beginning Plus Program providers that render services to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Healthy Beginning Plus Program providers rendering 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 adopting national procedure codes for dates of service on or after October 1, 2005.

PROCEDURE:

The attached spreadsheet cross walks the local to national procedure codes by identifying the local procedure codes currently used for Healthy Beginnings Plus Program services that are being end-dated and the national procedure codes and modifiers that are replacing them.

Local procedure codes currently used for Healthy Beginnings Plus Program services that will be end-dated and replaced with national procedure codes are set forth below:

Procedure Code	Procedure Code	Procedure Code	Procedure Code
W1770	W1771	W1772	W1773
W1774	W5950	W5951	W5952
W5953	W5954	W5955	W5956
W5957	W5958	W5960	W5961
W5962	W5963	W5964	W5965
W5966	W5967	W5968	W5969
W5970	W5971	W5972	W5973
W5974	W5975	W5976	W5977
W5978	W5979	W5980	W5981
W5982	W5983	W5984	W5985
W9969			

All Healthy Beginnings Plus Program providers who render services to MA recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system are directed to refer to the attached crosswalk to determine the appropriate national code and modifier(s), as applicable, to use in place of the local procedure code for dates of service on or after October 1, 2005. Columns one through four 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(s) combination will result in inappropriate claim payment or claim denial.

Services rendered on or before September 30, 2005 must be billed using the local procedure code. Services rendered on or after October 1, 2005 must be billed using the national procedure code.

Several of the national procedure codes to which the local procedure codes were cross walked have a different unit of service associated with them than the unit of service associated with the local procedure code being replaced. The Department has cross walked the local Healthy Beginnings Plus Program procedure codes to national procedure codes only in relation to the description of the services and will continue to use the units of service and the current MA Program fee as set forth in MA Program Regulations, the Healthy Beginning Plus Program Provider Manual, MA Bulletins and/or the MA Program Fee Schedule. For example, the unit of service for some local Healthy Beginning Plus Program procedure codes is identified as "per 45 minute visit," while the cross walked national procedure code references a 15 minute unit of service. Providers using the national procedure code to bill for these Healthy Beginning Plus Program visits will continue to bill for one 45 minute visit, which will continue to be paid at the current MA Program Fee Schedule rate. Information about the unit of service and payment rates for national procedure codes is identified in the "MA Unit of Service" and "MA Fee" columns on the attached cross walk.

ATTACHMENT:

- Healthy Beginnings Plus Program Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

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