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SUBJECT
Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Renal Dialysis Services

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify physicians and renal dialysis centers 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 November 1, 2005.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all physicians and renal dialysis centers who render renal dialysis services to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Physicians and renal dialysis centers rendering renal dialysis 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 November 1, 2005.

PROCEDURE:

The attached spreadsheet cross walks the local to national procedure codes by identifying the local procedure codes currently used by physicians and renal dialysis centers for renal dialysis services that are being end-dated and the national procedure codes and modifiers that are replacing them.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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Local procedure codes currently used by physicians and renal dialysis centers for renal dialysis services that will be end-dated and replaced with national procedure codes are set forth below:

Procedure Code	Procedure Code	Procedure Code	Procedure Code
W0918	W0919	W0920	W0921
W0922	W0923	W0924	W0925
W0926	W0928	W0982	

Local procedure code W0927 titled “Water Softener, Monthly Rental” is being end-dated and not replaced with a national procedure code because no claims have been submitted using the procedure code from January 1, 2001 to September 20, 2005. The Department is not cross walking W0927 to a national procedure code.

All physicians and renal dialysis centers who render renal dialysis 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 November 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 October 31, 2005 must be billed using the local procedure code. Services rendered on or after November 1, 2005 must be billed using the national procedure code.

ATTACHMENT: Renal Dialysis Services Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk