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SUBJECT

Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code
Changes for Laboratory Services

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of laboratory services 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 December 1, 2005.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers that render laboratory services to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers rendering laboratory 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 local procedure codes for laboratory services. The end-dated local procedure codes are being cross walked to either new national procedure codes that the Department is adding to the MA Program Fee Schedule or existing national procedure codes already on the MA Program Fee Schedule.

PROCEDURE:

The attached spreadsheet cross walks the local to national procedure codes by identifying the local procedure codes currently used for laboratory 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 for laboratory services that will be end-dated and replaced with national procedure codes are set forth below:

Procedure Code	Procedure Code	Procedure Code	Procedure Code
Z0832	Z2100	Z2101	Z2102
Z2103	Z2105	Z2106	Z8020
Z8227	Z8294	Z8309	Z8374
Z8391	Z8503	Z8555	Z8556
Z8557	Z8604	Z8627	Z8631
Z8636	Z8637	Z8704	Z8708
Z8712	Z8713		

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2005, the Department is adding the following national procedure codes to the MA Program Fee Schedule. These national procedure codes are replacing the specific end-dated local procedure codes set forth below:

National Procedure Code	Pricing Modifier	MA Fee	End-Dated Local Procedure Code
80100		\$10.00	Z2105
80100	U7	\$15.00	Z2106
80101		\$ 3.00	Z2105
80299		\$15.30	Z8374
80299		\$15.30	Z8391
81025		\$ 4.00	Z0832
87391		\$10.50	Z0820
82055		\$12.00	Z2101
82055		\$12.00	Z2102

In addition, some local procedure codes that are being end-dated are being cross walked to national procedure codes and the corresponding fees already on the MA Program Fee Schedule. Some of the national procedure code fees are higher and some are lower than the fees corresponding with the local procedure codes.

All providers of laboratory services 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 December 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 after December 1, 2005 must be billed using the national procedure code.

ATTACHMENT: Laboratory Services Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk