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SUBJECT

Rescind MAB 40-05-02 and Reissue the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Provider Mileage

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to:

- 1) notify providers that the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) is rescinding Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 40-05-02, titled "Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Provider Mileage", issued and effective November 1, 2005;
- 2) notify providers that the OMAP is reissuing the information contained in MA Bulletin 40-05-02 in this MA Bulletin; and
- 3) notify providers who submit claims for mileage related to service provision, of the national procedure code, which will be used in place of the local procedure code for dates of service on or after December 1, 2005.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers who submit claims for mileage related to service provision to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers rendering services and submitting claims for mileage 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 December 1, 2005.

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

PROCEDURE:

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

The local procedure code, W0500, which is currently used for provider mileage will be end-dated and replaced with a national procedure code.

All providers who submit claims for provider mileage related to service provision rendered to MA recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system are directed to refer to the attached crosswalk to determine the appropriate national code 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 will result in inappropriate claim payment or claim denial.

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

ATTACHMENT: Provider Mileage Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk