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SUBJECT

Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Services

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) 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 February 1, 2006.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to CRNP who render services to MA recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. CRNP rendering services under the managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Regulations issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320d-1320d-8 require the Department to use national procedure codes and eliminate local procedure codes. 45 C.F.R. § 162.1000. The Department is therefore adopting national procedure codes for CRNP services for dates of service on or after February 1, 2006, as set forth below.

PROCEDURE:

Local procedure code X5741, currently used for CRNP services, will be end-dated and replaced with existing national procedure codes. Some of the fees for the national procedure codes are higher than the fees corresponding with the local procedure code.

Local procedure codes W0165 and W0171 are being end-dated and will not be replaced with national procedure codes because there have been no claims submitted using these procedure codes since January 1, 2003.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

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CRNP who render services to MA recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system are directed to refer to the attached Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk 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 February 1, 2006. 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 Definition, 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 February 1, 2006, must be billed using the national procedure code and applicable modifiers.

ATTACHMENT:

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk