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SUBJECT
Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Certified Nurse Midwife Services

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify Certified Nurse Midwives 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 Certified Nurse Midwives who render services to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Certified Nurse Midwives 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 Certified Nurse Midwife services for dates of service on or after February 1, 2006, as set forth below.

PROCEDURE:

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

The end-dated local procedure codes are being cross walked to existing national procedure codes already on the MA Program Fee Schedule. Some of the fees for the national procedure codes may be higher and some may be lower than the fees corresponding with the local procedure codes.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.
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Certified Nurse Midwives will be able to submit claims for dates of service on or after February 1, 2006 for national procedure codes 99201 through 99205, 99211 through 99215, 99347 through 99350, and 99281 through 99285. These national procedure codes are already on the MA Program Fee Schedule for other types of providers.

The attached Certified Nurse Midwife Services Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk identifies the appropriate national procedure codes and modifiers, if applicable, that are to be used in place of the local procedure codes 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 Nurse Midwife Services Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk