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SUBJECT: Home and Community Based Waiver Provider's Billing of HIPAA Compliant National Codes Based on Authorized Plans of Care Through the Home and Community Services Information System and PROMISE™

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify Home and Community Based waiver providers of the HIPAA compliant national codes that will be used effective March 1, 2004, when billing waiver services through PROMISE™.

SCOPE:

This notice applies to Home and Community Based waiver providers who are enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program and are scheduled to receive payments for providing services as authorized in recipient care plans for the following waivers:

- OBRA
- Independence
- Commcare
- Aging
- Attendant Care
- Michael Dallas

DISCUSSION:

As announced in MA Bulletin 99-04-04, titled "Billing of Local Codes through PROMISE™", issued February 25, 2004 and effective March 1, 2004, the Office of Medical Assistance Programs is "phasing in" the billing of HIPAA compliant national codes from March 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

The initial implementation of HIPAA compliant national codes is effective March 1, 2004 for billing medical services as authorized in recipient care plans for the waivers listed above. The use of HIPAA compliant national codes is limited to billing for authorized waiver services.

Home and Community Based waiver providers are aware that in some instances, other federal and state funded waiver services are provided. In these instances, Home and Community Based waiver providers will continue to bill the local codes assigned to the other federal and state funded waiver services when these services are provided.

PROCEDURE:

For billing purposes for medical services, Home and Community Based waiver providers billing under PROMISE™ will use the codes as identified on Attachment A.

For billing purposes for other federal and state funded waiver services, Home and Community Based waiver providers billing under PROMISE™ will use the codes identified on Attachment B.

- Home and Community Based waiver providers billing under PROMISE™ for Aging Waiver services with the date of service prior to March 1, 2004 are reminded to bill with the local code.
- Home and Community Based waiver providers billing under PROMISE™ for OBRA, Independence, Commcare, Attendant Care and Michael Dallas Waiver services with the date of service prior to July 1, 2003 are reminded to bill with the local code.

Home and Community Based waiver providers, who also provide services to MA recipients under the MA fee for service delivery system, are instructed to continue billing the appropriate local codes for services provided as set forth in MA Bulletin 99-04-04, titled "Billing of Local Codes through PROMISE™, issued February 25, 2004 and effective March 1, 2004.

Additionally, Home and Community Based waiver providers, who also provide services to MA recipients under the managed care delivery system, are instructed to contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO), for the appropriate billing codes for services provided.

Detailed billing instructions are included in the PROMISE™ Billing Guide, Companion Guide, and Bridge Guide, which are available on the OMAP web site at <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap/promise/omappromise.asp>.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Attachment A (for billing purposes for medical services)**
- **Attachment B (for billing purposes for other federal and state funded waiver services)**

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free telephone number for your provider type.

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