

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code End-dating of Keratomileusis	 Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers that Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) procedure code 65760, defined as "Keratomileusis" is being end-dated from the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule, effective with dates of service on and after April 1, 2009.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to providers who render services to MA recipients in the Fee-for-Service delivery system, including ACCESS Plus. Providers rendering services under the managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Keratomileusis is a surgical procedure in which a slice of the patient's cornea is removed, reshaped and replaced. It is performed to correct refractive error and, as such, is considered cosmetic surgery. 55 Pa.Code § 1141.59 (relating to noncompensable services) sets forth that payment will not be made for cosmetic surgery except when performed to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, to correct a visible disfigurement which would affect the ability of the person to obtain or hold employment, or as post-mastectomy breast reconstruction. The Department of Public Welfare announced this change in 39 Pa.B 1272 on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

PROCEDURE:

Effective with dates of service on and after April 1, 2009, the MA Program is end-dating CPT procedure code 65760; and will no longer make payment for Keratomileusis. The MA Program Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect this change. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule at the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/Schedules/003675750.aspx>.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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