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**SUBJECT:**  
Procedure Codes for:  
Medical Assistance Early Intervention Services,  
Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver and  
State & County Funded Early Intervention  
Services.

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**SCOPE:**

Early Intervention Coordinators  
County MH/MR Program Administrators  
Early Intervention Providers  
Service Coordination Providers

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Bulletin is to advise County MH/MR Programs and Early Intervention Providers that the attached Medical Assistance Early/Intervention procedure codes, Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver procedure codes and State & County Funded Early Intervention procedure codes must be used beginning with the effective date of this bulletin July 1, 2006.

**BACKGROUND:**

Effective October 13, 2003, under the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), all healthcare payors, providers and clearinghouses must use nationally recognized formats to transmit electronic healthcare transactions. HIPAA will also eliminate state-specific local procedure codes. Prior to the HIPAA, Medicaid programs were permitted to create and use state-specific local procedure codes.

The changes to the Early Intervention billing codes in no way alter the fundamental principles of the Early Intervention Program. Early Intervention is a family centered program and it is the expectation of the Office of Child Development that the service delivery model for Early Intervention services continue as previous to the implementation of this Bulletin.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Office of Child Development is aware that Counties and their contracted Early Intervention providers need time to program their billing systems to account for the crosswalk of previous codes to the national HIPAA procedure codes.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**  
Office of Child Development Early Intervention Staff

In addition to serving as the program's maximum fee schedules\* the attached crosswalks compare the previous local procedure codes to HIPAA compliant national procedure codes; include new specialties for Early Intervention; informational and pricing modifier(s); place of service codes and maximum limits per service per procedure code.

Informational Modifier TL must be used when billing for all Early Intervention funded services; it identifies the claim as an Early Intervention claim. In addition because the national procedure codes are used by various program offices and services are paid at different rates in each program office, the pricing modifiers U7, U8, U9 and UB must be used as specified for Medical Assistance Early Intervention billing. When a pricing modifier is specified it must be the first modifier indicated when submitting a claim for Medical Assistance/Early Intervention. Use of the appropriate pricing modifier will ensure that PROMISE remits the correct payment for each service provided. Informational Modifier SE will be used for billing Infants, Toddlers and Family Waiver services and Informational Modifier HX will be used for billing State & County Funded Early Intervention services.

There was no HIPAA compliant national procedure code for health services. Therefore, nursing/health services should be billed under procedure code T1001 for Nursing Assessment/Evaluation and GO154 for Service of a Skilled Nurse in a Home Health Setting for Medical Assistance Early Intervention, Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver and State & County Funded Early Intervention Services.

Attachments:

Medical Assistance/Early Intervention Program Fee Schedule  
Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver Program Fee Schedule  
Early Intervention Base Program Fee Schedule

Obsolete Bulletins: 00-06-03. 00-04-03 and 00-04-04.

\*All rates listed are subject to change in accordance with current rates established by the Department.