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SUBJECT Health Care Benefit Package 12 Updated Employability Assessment Procedure Code List		BY  Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to update the list of procedure codes covered under Health Care Benefit Package (HCBP) 12. This bulletin replaces Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin: 01-10-02, 08-10-03, 09-10-03, 18-10-01, 28-10-01, 29-10-01, 31-10-03.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to the following providers enrolled in the MA Program: hospital based medical clinics, independent medical/surgical clinics, rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers, outpatient D&A clinics, outpatient psychiatric clinics, certified registered nurse practitioners, optometrists, laboratories, portable x-ray providers, and physicians.

BACKGROUND:

HCBP 12 was developed for individuals applying for general assistance or general assistance related MA benefits. These applicants are authorized for a non-continuous period of eligibility under category TD, program status code 55, for a period of 30 days. Rather than the plastic ACCESS card, these applicants are issued a paper, "Pennsylvania Temporary ACCESS Card", and are required to have an Employability Assessment Form (PA-1663) completed to determine eligibility based on their ability to work.

Recipients who are authorized in the TD/55 MA category receive limited employability assessment services under HCBP 12. The MA covered services these MA recipients are eligible for will be provided through the Fee-For-Service (FFS) delivery system only. These recipients will not be enrolled in ACCESS Plus or MA managed care (HealthChoices) while they remain in the TD/55 category. If

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it is determined the MA recipient is, either temporarily or permanently, unable to work due to a physical or mental disability, eligibility for ongoing MA coverage will be reviewed. Once eligibility for ongoing MA coverage is determined, the MA recipient will be authorized for the appropriate category/program status code and will receive the full scope of MA benefits assigned to the corresponding HCBP. Additionally, the recipient may be enrolled in either ACCESS Plus or MA managed care (HealthChoices), based on their county of residence.

Attached to this bulletin is a comprehensive list of procedure codes, which are the only services for which providers, permitted to render services to recipients under this benefit package (HCBP 12), may receive MA payment.

DISCUSSION:

Effective June 14, 2010, the Department has updated the list of procedure codes covered under HCBP 12 as a result of implementing the 2009 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes, which was announced in MA bulletin 99-10-05, "2009 HCPCS Updates and Other Procedure Code and Procedure Code/Modifier Combination Changes".

The following procedure codes will be added to the list of procedure codes covered under HCBP 12:

93306	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, with spectral Doppler echocardiography, and with color flow Doppler echocardiography
95870	Needle electromyography; limited study of muscles in 1 extremity or non-limb (axial) muscles (unilateral or bilateral), other than thoracic paraspinal, cranial nerve supplied muscles, or sphincters
95934	H-Reflex, amplitude and latency study; record gastrocnemius/soleus muscle
95936	H-Reflex, amplitude and latency study; record muscle other than gastrocnemius/soleus muscle

PROCEDURE:

- See the applicant's "Pennsylvania Temporary ACCESS Card".
- Access the Eligibility Verification System (EVS).
- Reference the attached list when providing services to individuals who are covered under HCBP 12. This list should be attached to your HCBP Reference Chart for easy reference.

- Reference the MA Program Fee Schedule to ensure that your provider type/specialty is eligible to receive payment to perform the specific procedures on the attached list.

Attachment:

- Health Care Benefit Package 12 Employability Assessment Procedure Code List