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2013 HCPCS Updates Related to Behavioral Health Services

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SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the MA Program who render behavioral health services to recipients enrolled in the MA Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system. Providers rendering behavioral health services under the MA managed care delivery system should address any coding or billing questions to the appropriate managed care organization (MCO).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce changes to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule as a result of implementing the 2013 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes updates. These changes are effective for dates of service on and after June 24, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The Department is adding and end-dating procedure codes as a result of implementing the 2013 HCPCS updates published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

DISCUSSION:

The updated HCPCS Procedure Codes for Behavioral Health are listed in the attachment, which provides a crosswalk of the new codes to the earlier codes.

Service Limits

The MA Program has established service limits for some of these procedure codes. If needed, a waiver of the limit may be requested through the 1150 Administrative Waiver (Program Exception) process.

Managed Care Delivery System

MA MCOs are not required to impose the service limits that apply in the MA FFS delivery system, although they are permitted to do so. MA MCOs may not impose service limits that are more restrictive than the service limits established in the MA FFS delivery system. MA MCOs that choose to establish service limits must notify their network providers and members of the limits before implementing the limits.

PROCEDURE:

Attached are the Behavioral Health 2013 HCPCS Procedure Code Updates and Crosswalk effective for dates of service on or after June 24, 2013. Included in this document are the procedure codes, procedure code modifiers, procedure code descriptions, units, place

of service, Medical Assistance fee for the procedure codes related to behavioral health services, prior authorizations and limits.

The MA Program Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect these changes. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule at the Department's website at:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/publications/forproviders/schedules/mafeeschedules/index.htm>.

For billing purposes, behavioral health providers should call the toll-free number appropriate for their provider type/specialty.

ATTACHMENTS:

Behavioral Health 2013 HCPCS Procedure Code Updates and Crosswalk, effective June 24, 2013.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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