

**HealthChoices (HC)
End of Public Health Emergency (PHE) Systems Notice
Effective: 5/12/2023**

Background

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), behavioral health encounter editing was loosened in response to unusual and urgent processing requirements. Error Status Code (ESC) disposition changes were made to accommodate the immediate processing needs.

The disposition changes, which replaced Deny dispositions with Pay and List, were made with the intent to reinstate the Deny dispositions once the PHE was declared to be over.

Four HealthChoices ESCs were modified. Only dispositions were changed. No modifications were made to ESC logic.

Upcoming Changes to ESC Dispositions

Effective May 12, 2023, the disposition for the four ESCs listed below will be set back to Deny for services rendered on or after May 12, 2023.

These ESCs are detail edits, inspecting service line dates of service.

Encounters Affected by these Changes

Service lines reporting dates of service on or after May 12, 2023 which are processed in PROMISe on or after May 12, 2023 will be affected by these disposition changes.

Encounters not Affected by these Changes

Encounters processed in PROMISe before May 12, 2023 will not be affected by these upcoming changes, regardless of the service line dates of service.

Also, service lines reporting dates of service before May 12, 2023 will not be affected by these upcoming changes, regardless of the date they are processed in PROMISe.

HealthChoices Edits

ESC 705

Institutional service line.

Description: Age as of the end-date of service for Service Groups 08 (RTF-JCAHO) cannot be greater than 22.

U77 Status Code: 214

ESC 706

Professional service line.

Description: Age as of end date of service for Service Groups 07,17 (BHPRS) or Service Group 09 (RTF-Non-JCAHO) cannot be greater than 22.

U77 Status Code: 215

ESC 707

Institutional service line.

Description: Invalid Combination for a BH Institutional Encounter.

U77 Status Code: 216

ESC 708

Professional service line.

Description: Invalid Combination for a BH Professional Encounter.

U77 Status Code: 217

Questions regarding this systems notice should be directed to the ra-pwomhsas837issues@pa.gov