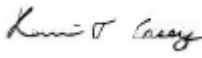
	<h1 style="margin: 0;">MENTAL RETARDATION BULLETIN</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA · DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE</p>	
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SUBJECT: Procedure Codes for Medical Assistance Early Intervention Services FY 2003-2004		BY: <div style="text-align: center;">  Kevin T. Casey Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation </div>

SCOPE:

County MH/MR Program Administrators
Early Intervention 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 must be used beginning with the effective date of this Bulletin.

BACKGROUND:

Effective October 16, 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 also will eliminate state-specific local procedure codes. Prior to HIPAA, Medicaid programs were allowed to create and use state-specific local procedure codes. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently determined that local procedure codes developed by state Medicaid programs may be used until March 1, 2004, even though standard transactions were required as of October 16, 2003.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Mental Retardation 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. The national codes attached to this Bulletin must be used effective March 1, 2004 to be in compliance with HIPAA. These codes have been cross-walked from the previous Medical Assistance Early Intervention (MA/EI) Program fee schedule. To be reimbursed, all MA/EI transactions must be billed with the attached codes as of the effective date of this Bulletin.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:
The Appropriate Regional Program Manager

The accompanying crosswalk includes the following: Previous procedure codes, previous modifiers and location codes, HIPAA compliant procedure codes, informational and pricing modifier(s), location and unit fee.

Informational Modifier TL will be used when billing for all Early Intervention funded services. Certain procedure codes will also require the use of Pricing Modifier(s) U7, U8, U9 or UB in addition to the Informational Modifier(s) TL, TD or TE.

The following location/place of service codes must be used when billing the new HIPAA compliant procedure codes:

- 11 Office or center based services
- 12 Child's home
- 99 Community

21 Inpatient Hospital

All rates are based upon 15 minutes of service and the unit fee on this schedule is the maximum amount permitted by the Department.

The procedure codes for Early Intervention Waiver Services can be found in Mental Retardation Bulletin #00-04-03. Procedure codes for Base Early Intervention Services can be found in Mental Retardation Bulletin #00-04-04.

Because each bulletin is unique to the particular funding source, the Office of Mental Retardation recommends that the County MH/MR Program Offices and all Early Intervention providers retain each of the three Early Intervention services bulletins.

Medical Assistance Early Intervention Schedule