

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Addition of Behavioral Health Providers to Certain Procedure Codes and other Procedure Code Changes
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IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISE-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the bulletin is to expand the scope of eligible providers who may render certain services to include psychiatric outpatient clinics, outpatient drug and alcohol clinics, and physicians and to add behavioral health providers to certain procedure codes and make other procedure code changes.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to psychiatric outpatient clinics, outpatient drug and alcohol clinics, and physicians enrolled in the MA Program who render services to beneficiaries enrolled in the MA Fee-for-Service delivery system. Providers rendering services under the behavioral health managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Human Services (Department) has been reviewing the scope of physical health and behavioral health providers who can receive payments for certain procedure codes. Upon review by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in collaboration with the Office of Medical Assistance Programs, it was determined that evaluation and management services can also be provided by psychiatric outpatient clinics and outpatient drug and alcohol clinics. The Department is adding these provider types to the procedure codes. In addition, the Department is adding psychiatric outpatient clinics and outpatient drug and alcohol clinics to procedure codes which, as explained below, are used in conjunction with other procedure codes to track the dispensing of take-home supplies of Naloxone. The Department is making other changes to the MA Program Fee Schedule, which are described below.

DISCUSSION:

The Department is opening Provider Type (PT)/Specialty (Spec) combination 08 (Clinic)/110 (Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic) in Place of Service (POS) 02 (Telemedicine), 10 (Telehealth provided in the home of the individual being served) and 49 (Independent Clinic) and PT/Spec combination 08/184 (Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Clinic) in POS 02, 10, 12 (Home) and 57 (Non-Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility) for the following outpatient and other office evaluation and management procedure codes as a result of clinical review.

Procedure Codes				
99202	99203	99204	99205	99211
99212	99213	99214	99215	

The Department is opening PT/Spec/POS combination 08/110/49 for procedure codes G2215 and G2216 which are add-on procedure codes used to track the dispensing of take-home supplies of Naloxone. In order to identify when take-home supplies of Naloxone are dispensed, providers must use G2215 or G2216 in addition to one of the following procedure codes or procedure code and modifier combinations that are currently open on the MA Program Fee Schedule. These procedure codes may include the modifiers UB (pricing), or HK (Specialized Mental Health Program for High-Risk Population) as indicated in the chart below.

Procedure Codes				
90792	90832	90834	90837	90846 (UB)
90847 (UB)	90853 (UB)	90870	90875	96116
96121	96127	96130	96131	96132
96133	96136	96137	96160	99202
99203	99204	99205	99211	99212
99213	99214	99215	99241 (UB)	H0034
H0034 (HK)	H2010 (HK)			

The Department is opening PT/Spec/POS combination 08/184/57 for procedure codes G2215 and G2216 which are add-on procedure codes used to track the dispensing of take-home supplies of Naloxone. In order to identify when take-home supplies of Naloxone are dispensed, providers must use G2215 or G2216 in addition to one of the following procedure codes or procedure code and modifier combinations that are currently open on the MA Program Fee Schedule. These procedure codes may include the modifiers UB, U7 (pricing), or HG (Opioid Addiction Treatment Program) as indicated in the chart below.

Procedure Codes				
90832	90834	90837	90847 (UB)	90853 (UB)
90875	96116	96121	96130	96131
96132	96133	96136	96137	99202
99203	99204	99204 (U7)	99205	99211
99212	99213	99214	99215	99215 (U7)
99241 (U7)	H0014 (HG)	H0034	T1015 (UB)	

The Department previously opened additional PT/Spec/POS combinations for procedure code 99241 with U7 or UB modifiers, to allow for the billing of services that were previously billed with procedure code 99201, which had been end-dated. These changes allowed psychiatric outpatient clinics and outpatient drug and alcohol clinics to bill for services they previously billed using procedure code 99201. The Department is now end-dating the following PT/Spec combinations for the procedure code and modifier combinations listed below and cross-walking them to procedure code 99241 as detailed below.

Old Procedure Codes			New Procedure Codes		
Procedure Code and Modifier	Code description	End-dated PT/Spec	Procedure Code and Modifier	Code Description	PT/Spec/POS
99201 (UB)	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient (Psychiatric clinic medication visit for drug administration and evaluation)	08/074 (Mobile Mental Health Clinic) 08/110	99241 (UB)	Office consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these 3 key components: A problem focused history; A problem focused examination; and Straightforward medical decision making. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals, or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Typically, 15 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family (Psychiatric clinic medication visit for drug administration and evaluation)	08/074/15 (Mobile Unit) 08/110/49
99201 (UB)(GT)	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient (Psychiatric clinic medication visit for drug administration and evaluation)	08/074 08/110			
99211 (UB)	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient (Psychiatric clinic medication visit for drug administration and evaluation)	08/074 08/110			

99201 (U7)	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient (Chemotherapy clinic visit for administration and evaluation of drugs other than methadone or drugs for opiate detox)	08/184	99241 (U7)	Office consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these 3 key components: A problem focused history; A problem focused examination; and Straightforward medical decision making. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals, or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Typically, 15 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family (Chemotherapy clinic visit for administration and evaluation of drugs other than methadone or drugs for opiate detox)	08/184/57
99201 (U7) (GT)	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient (Chemotherapy clinic visit for administration and evaluation of drugs other than methadone or drugs for opiate detox)	08/184			
99211 (U7)	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient (Chemotherapy clinic visit for administration and evaluation of drugs other than methadone or drugs for opiate detox)	08/184			

The Department-specific definition is being removed from the national code description for the following procedure code and modifier combinations for PT 31 (Physicians) /Spec 339 (Psychiatrist):

Procedure Codes				
99203 (U1)	99203 (U1)(GT)	99204 (U1)	99204 (U1)(GT)	99205 (U1)
99205 (U1)(GT)	99211 (U1)	99211 (U1)(GT)	99212 (U1)	99212 (U1)(GT)
99213 (U1)	99213 (U1)(GT)	99214 (U1)	99214 (U1)(GT)	99215 (U1)
99215 (U1)(GT)				

PROCEDURE:

The Department updated the MA Program Fee Schedule to reflect these changes. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule at the Department's website at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/MA-Fee-Schedule.aspx>.