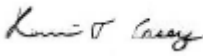
	<h1 style="margin: 0;">MENTAL RETARDATION BULLETIN</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA · DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE</p>	
	Date of Issue: <p style="text-align: center;">December 31, 2003</p>	Effective Date: <p style="text-align: center;">March 1, 2004 Healthcare Immediately July 1, 2004 Non-Healthcare</p>
SUBJECT: Service Definitions and Procedure Codes for Healthcare and Non-Healthcare Waiver and Base Services		BY: <div style="text-align: center;">  Kevin T. Casey Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation </div>

SCOPE:

County MH/MR Program Administrators

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Bulletin is to disseminate service definitions and procedure codes for both healthcare and non-healthcare, waiver and base services. The definitions replace the current listing being used in HCSIS and will also be utilized in PROMISE.

BACKGROUND:

Community Services Information System (HCSIS) was operational in November 2002. This version was amended with the additions requested by county MH/MR programs in the August 2003 letter from Deputy Secretary Kevin Casey. The Office of Mental Retardation maintains our commitment to allow counties six months lead time to prepare for the utilization of the updated service definitions.

Behavior support and Nutritional Consultation were both included in the former HCSIS definitions. Our intention was to develop an amendment to include the services in the July 2004 version, however, the amendments were not submitted and the services cannot be provided under those titles. Services similar to behavior support can be provided under Habilitation utilizing a minimum of staff support level two. Services similar to Nutritional Consultation can be provided by a nurse, but cannot be provided by a dietician.

Additionally, to be compliant with HIPAA, medical services not specified in the service definitions and paid for with base funds through electronic billing, must use codes specified in the fee schedule provided by the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP).

This Bulletin does not include Early Intervention (EI) definitions which will be provided through additional bulletins.

DISCUSSION:

The attached service definition chart contains both local and national codes. Local codes begin with the letter "W" and are not covered by HIPAA regulations. All other codes are healthcare related national codes and must be used to be HIPAA compliant.

Beginning March 1, 2004, all counties utilizing electronic billing for waiver and base healthcare services must use the national healthcare codes specified in the attachment to be in compliance with HIPAA. Although procedure codes for healthcare services are included in this Bulletin, they were originally addressed in OMR Bulletin 00-03-08, effective August 13, 2003.

Effective July 1, 2004, all counties should use the attached codes when developing the Individual Service Plan (ISP).

When billing electronically, the PROMISE pilot counties, which include Berks, Dauphin, Delaware and Westmoreland counties, must use the attached local and national codes effective July 1, 2004.

Attachments: Consolidated Waiver, Person Family Directed Support Waiver and Base Funded Services Definitions

Consolidated Waiver, Person Family Directed Support Waiver and Base Funded Services Definitions Narrative

CWPF Waiver Base Services Definitions

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