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SUBJECT:
Service Definitions and Procedure Codes
for Healthcare Waiver and Base Services

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SCOPE:

County MH/MR Program Administrators

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Bulletin is to distribute revised service definitions and procedure codes for healthcare waiver and base services. This bulletin contains updated national codes and applies to healthcare services only.

BACKGROUND:

Procedure codes for Electronic Transfers of Health Care Services were first distributed on August 13, 2003 under Bulletin 00-03-08. On December 31, 2003, in preparation for HCSIS/PROMISE, the Office of Mental Retardation disseminated additional service definitions, under Bulletin 00-03-12, which contained 110 healthcare related services and procedure codes. This Bulletin, Service Definitions and Procedure Codes for Healthcare Waiver and Base Services, provides an updated listing of healthcare codes, and consolidates the healthcare services into 15 codes with no reduction in services.

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

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The Appropriate Regional Program Office

DISCUSSION:

The attached service definition chart contains healthcare related national codes and must be used to be HIPAA compliant. A number of the national codes are accompanied by a billing or informational modifier. To ensure accuracy of billing and payment, the appropriate modifiers must be billed with the corresponding codes, in the order specified in the service definitions document.

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.

The PROMISe pilot counties, which include Berks, Dauphin, Delaware and Westmoreland counties, must use the attached services on plans effective July 1, 2004.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

Obsolete Bulletin:

00-03-08 - Procedure Codes for Electronic Transfers of Health Care Services