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SUBJECT

Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Change

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of changes to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to MA-enrolled hospital outpatient clinics, independent medical clinics, therapists, audiologists and physicians who render physical and occupational therapy evaluations, and evaluations of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory processing to MA recipients in the Fee-for-Service delivery system. Providers who render physical and occupational therapy evaluations, and evaluations of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory processing to MA recipients under the MA managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The local to national procedure code crosswalk for Early Intervention (EI) Services will be implemented on July 1, 2006. There are several national procedure codes used by providers of EI services that are also used by MA-enrolled hospital outpatient clinics, independent medical clinics, therapists, audiologists and physicians rendering physical and occupational therapy evaluations, and evaluations of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory processing to MA recipients. As a result of the EI crosswalk, the use of a modifier with specific national procedure codes will now be necessary in order for the provider types listed above to continue receiving the appropriate payment for these procedures when they are not being provided as EI services.

PROCEDURE:

The national procedure codes listed below for physical and occupational therapy evaluations, and evaluations of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory

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processing must be used in combination with the indicated pricing modifier in order to ensure proper MA payment to MA-enrolled hospital outpatient clinics, independent medical clinics, therapists, audiologists and physicians when rendering non-EI physical and occupational therapy evaluations, and evaluations of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory processing to MA recipients on or after July 1, 2006.

National Procedure Code	Description	Pricing Modifier	MA Fee
97001	Physical therapy evaluation	U8	\$45.11
97003	Occupational therapy evaluation	U8	\$45.11
92506	Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory processing	U9	\$45.00

Failure to use the appropriate pricing modifier will result in an inappropriate claim payment or claim denial.