

Billing Updates to Childhood Weight Management Services

Effective with dates of service May 26, 2020 and beyond AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast will follow the billing guidelines outlined in the Medical Assistance Bulletin 99-20-02 (MAB) recently released by the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding Childhood Weight Management Services (CWMS).

As outlined in the MAB, the tables below contain the CWMS codes that were end-dated or added as of May 26, 2020.

CWMS codes end dated May 26, 2020				
96150	96151	96152	96153	96154

CWMS codes added May 26, 2020						
96159	96158	96159	96164	96165	96167	96168

Compensation for CWMS will be at the contracted rate in your AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast Provider Agreement when the services are medically necessary and rendered to AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast members under 21 years of age who are experiencing weight management problems. Providers must document the medical necessity for any CNWMS in the child's medical record.

Please note - There is no billing requirement for submission of a qualifying primary diagnosis code(s) or subsequent range of codes for reimbursement consideration.

To read the complete MAB and code descriptions, please visit:

<http://www.amerihealthcaritaspa.com→Provider→Communications→DHS/Medical Assistance Bulletins>
<http://www.amerihealthcaritasnortheast.com→Provider→Communications→DHS/Medical Assistance Bulletins>

Thank you for your continued participation in our network and your commitment to the care of our members. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007 for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and 1-888-208-7370 for AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast or your Provider Account Executive.