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SUBJECT <p style="text-align: center;">Procedure Code Change for Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services</p>		BY  Leesa M. Allen, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

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:

http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S_001994.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of a procedure code change related to payment for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to physicians, dentists, psychologists, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, tobacco cessation providers, independent medical/surgical clinics, acute care general hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, home health agencies, outpatient drug and alcohol facilities, outpatient psychiatric clinics and family planning clinics that are enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program and who render Tobacco Cessation Counseling services to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service delivery system. Providers that render Tobacco Cessation Counseling services to MA beneficiaries in the managed care delivery system should address any coding or payment-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

As set forth in MA Bulletin 99-04-01, titled “Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Drug Products and Counseling Services”, issued September 15, 2004, and effective September 15, 2004, the Department of Human Services (Department) pays certain providers enrolled in the MA Program for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services to MA beneficiaries.

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 Web site at
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

MA Bulletin 99-12-09, titled “New Procedure Codes for Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services”, issued October 3, 2012, and effective June 25, 2012, announced new procedure codes for billing Tobacco Cessation Counseling services.

On August 7, 2017, the Department issued MA Bulletin 99-17-08, titled “2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Updates and Other Procedure Code Changes” to announce changes to the MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule as a result of implementing the 2017 HCPCS procedure code updates. As part of the 2017 HCPCS update, procedure code G0437 (Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient; intensive, greater than ten minutes) was end-dated, effective August 6, 2017.

All other information provided in MA Bulletin 99-12-09 remains in effect. Providers are to continue to use procedure code 99407 in order to bill and receive payment for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services.

This bulletin supersedes, in part, MA Bulletin 99-12-09.

PROCEDURE:

Effective with dates of service on and after August 7, 2017, the Department will no longer pay providers for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services using procedure code G0437. Effective with dates of service on and after August 7, 2017, the Department will pay providers for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services under procedure code 99407. The MA Fee and limits for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services remain the same and are as follows:

Procedure Code	Description	Provider Type	Place of Service	Unit of Service	MA Fee	Limits
99407 (face-to-face encounter)	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than ten minutes	01	22	Greater than ten minutes	\$19.33 per visit	One visit per day, and a maximum of 70 visits per calendar year
		05	12			
		08	11, 12, 22, 49, 99			
		09	11, 12, 31, 32, 99			
		19	11, 12, 31, 32, 99			
		27	11, 12, 31, 32, 99			
		31	11, 12, 31, 32, 99			
		33	11, 12			
		37	11, 12, 31, 32, 99			

Providers, except Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC), are to submit claims for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services using the above procedure code.

Providers must provide more than 10 minutes of face-to-face counseling in order to submit a claim for a Tobacco Cessation Counseling visit.

NOTE: FQHCs and RHCs are paid an all-inclusive, per encounter payment rate. FQHCs and RHCs are to submit claims for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services when provided at the time of a face-to-face visit, using procedure code T1015, defined as “clinic visit/encounter, all-inclusive”. FQHCs and RHCs are not to submit claims reflecting procedure code 99407 for Tobacco Cessation Counseling services.