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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs

From: Mary N. Watson, Director
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Subject: FAPE Issues and NPI number

The Division of Medical Assistance of the Department of Health and Human Services has notified us that effective with date of service January 1, 2006, the following codes (see table below) were end-dated and replaced with new CPT codes. Claims submitted with end-dated codes for dates of service January 1, 2006 and after will be denied. CPT codes 92626 and 92627 have been added to the list of appropriate codes that audiologists may now bill beginning with date of service January 1, 2006. Clinic Coverage Policy #10C, Local Education Agencies have been updated to reflect these code changes and are available on DMA's website at: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/mp/mpindex.htm>

Please share this information with others in your LEA who may need it. If you have questions about this memo, contact Jane Davis Rourk at Jane_Rourk@med.unc.edu or Laurie Ray at Laurie_Ray@med.unc.edu.

End-Dated Code(s)	New CPT Code(s)	Description
96100	96101	PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING (INCLUDES PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT OF EMOTIONALITY, INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES, PERSONALITY AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY, EG, MMPI, RORSHACH, WAIS), PER HOUR OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S OR PHYSICIAN'S TIME, BOTH FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH THE PATIENT AND TIME INTERPRETING TEST RESULTS AND PREPARING THE REPORT 1 unit = 1 hour
96115	96116	NEUROBEHAVIORAL STATUS EXAM (CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF THINKING, REASONING AND JUDGMENT, EG, ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, ATTENTION, LANGUAGE, MEMORY, PLANNING AND PROBLEM SOLVING, AND VISUAL SPATIAL ABILITIES), PER HOUR OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S OR PHYSICIAN'S TIME, BOTH FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH THE PATIENT AND TIME INTERPRETING TEST RESULTS AND PREPARING THE REPORT 1 unit = 1 hour
96117	96118	NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING (EG, HALSTEAD-REITAN NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL BATTERY, WECHSLER MEMORY SCALES AND WISCONSIN CARD SORTING TEST), PER HOUR OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S OR PHYSICIAN'S TIME, BOTH FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH THE PATIENT AND TIME INTERPRETING TEST RESULTS AND PREPARING THE REPORT 1 unit = 1 hour

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Applying for the National Provider Identifier

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 requires the adoption of a standard unique identifier for healthcare providers. The final rule for the National Provider Identifier (NPI) was issued on January 23, 2004, and adopts the NPI as this national standard.

Healthcare providers can apply now for their NPI at the following website:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. All HIPAA-covered physicians, suppliers, and other health care providers must apply for and be issued an NPI by **May 23, 2007**. In addition, all health plans must be able to accept the NPI instead of the plan specific provider identifiers on all HIPAA standard transactions by **May 23, 2007**. In other words, after this date claims submitted to Medicaid must be billed with your NPI number instead of your current Medicaid provider number.

ALERT: When applying for an NPI, you are urged to include all Medicaid provider numbers on the NPI application form. Be sure to indicate North Carolina as your state name. It is our understanding that at some point CMS will make enumeration information available to states. At that time, this information will assist DMA in the development of crosswalks between your NPI and your Medicaid provider numbers.

The Division of Medical Assistance has initiated its NPI project. Please look for future bulletins regarding procedures for gathering NPIs and taxonomies.

EDS, 1-800-688-6696 or 919-851-8888

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Collection Form

Effective September 15, 2006, the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) National Provider Identifier (NPI) Collection Form will be available on DMA's web site at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/npi.htm>.

The North Carolina Medicaid Program will begin collecting the NPI numbers from currently enrolled Medicaid providers. The form can be returned by fax or mail to the address listed on the form. Providers must also include with the NPI form a copy of the notification letter from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Please provide this information to DMA no later than March 31, 2007.

DMA is pursuing options for e-mail, web-based and electronic batch file submission. Details will be provided in future bulletins.

Provider Services
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