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TO: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAID PROGRAM

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SUBJECTS: REIMBURSEMENT RATES ASSOCIATED WITH NEW CPT CODES FOR 2013

On January 1, 2013, new CPT codes become effective for some behavioral health services, while some other codes are deleted. The Medical Assistance Division (MAD), through its contractor OptumHealth New Mexico, will begin using the new codes for dates of service beginning January 1, 2013, in order to be compliant with the coding set.

The new codes implement a different approach to coding some behavioral health services by allowing a service to be composed of as many as 3 different services: an evaluation and management (E&M) code, a therapy code, and an interactive complexity code.

MAD is implementing the new coding in a manner that is anticipated to be budget neutral; that is, the total amount paid to providers overall will be very similar to the amounts paid prior to the changes. Depending on their practice patterns, individual providers may experience changes in reimbursement. To implement these codes, MAD is proposing to pay the evaluation and management codes and the codes for interactive complexity at a zero amount. The evaluation and management code will only be paid when the service is a distinct service and not as a component of evaluation or therapy, following guidelines and instructions from OptumHealth. The payment levels for the codes below will be inclusive of all the components of the service.

Even though the payment rates have been implemented effective January 1, 2013, in order not to delay payment on claims, MAD will take public comments on the reimbursement rates as proposed in this notice.

Codes	MD/DO	PHD	Master's Level for Independent and Non-Independent Licensure Types (5)	Clinical Psychiatric Nurse Specialists and/or Nurse Practitioners
Initial Psychiatric Evaluation:				
90791	NA	\$107.67	\$87.30	\$97.97
90792	\$136.77	NA	NA	NA
Psychotherapy Codes:				
90832	\$59.22	\$46.68	\$44.52	\$43.07
90834	\$93.66	\$75.54	\$67.61	\$66.93
90837	\$125.76	\$77.18	\$70.96	\$66.93
Add-on Codes:				
90785*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90833*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90836*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90838*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90863*	\$0.00	\$63.05	\$0.00	\$63.05

Comments may be submitted in writing through letter, fax, or e-mail, and may be directed to Freddie Gatewood in the Program Policy and Integrity Bureau as indicated below. **Please note that Freddie Gatewood is only the contact for receiving written comments and cannot provide technical information on the use of the codes.** Those questions must be directed to OptumHealth New Mexico.

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Comments will be taken for 60 days following the date of this supplement. Providers will be informed of any changes made based on the comments received. Any claims affected by a change will be reprocessed with no action required on the part of the provider. All comments received will be made available to interested parties upon request.

It is anticipated that the overall financial impact of this will be budget neutral, though individual providers may experience some changes in their payments.

If you have questions regarding the above information, you may contact the Medicaid Program Policy and Integrity Bureau at (505) 827-3171. We appreciate your participation in the Medicaid program.