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Broadcast Message BHP #87

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To: Executive Directors,
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)

From: Ross Robinson, Director
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Re: Mental Health Service Array Changes

This broadcast message is to provide an update to Behavioral Health Program Broadcast #81 Mental Health Service Array Changes, which was distributed on 12/11/2012.

Telehealth/Telemedicine

In preparation for upcoming telemedicine/telehealth service changes, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has created additional procedure codes that have an attached "GT" modifier to indicate when the service of telemedicine or telehealth is used. The impacted codes include pharmacological management, diagnostic interview, and individual psychotherapy.

Other Modifications to the Service Array

- Procedure codes for pharmacological management incidental to a physician's visit provided by a RN, LVN, or PA, were removed mistakenly with the changes made on 12/11/2012. These codes have been returned to the service array.
- Server Type Code "A" (i.e., MD/DO) mistakenly was excluded from the psychotherapy evaluation and management procedure codes that were added on 12/11/2012. The code has been added to the service array.

The effective date for the code changes outlined above has been set to January 1, 2013.

Updated encounter validation rules can be found in the Mental retardation and Behavioral health Outpatient data Warehouse CA General Warehouse Information Specifications subfolder, report name: *INFO Mental Health Service Array Combined*. Please see next page of this document for detail related to the changes. Questions or further information related to this broadcast message, please contact Dr. Bonnie Curington at bonnie.curington@dshs.state.tx.us.