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

From: Lauren Lacefield Lewis, Acting Director
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Re: Mental Health Service Array Changes

This broadcast message is to provide an update of changes recently made to the Mental Health Service Array.

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 are used. The impacted codes include pharmacological management, diagnostic interview, and individual psychotherapy.

For these above named specific services the "E" encounter type will only be allowed in conjunction with the "GT" modifier. Prior to this change, many video services were captured with the "E" encounter type however, due to the current change they will be closed 7-31-2013. In addition, home and school have been excluded from the "GT" procedure codes as they do not meet the definitions under Medicaid as allowable patient site locations and the "H" server type is not allowable under pharmacological management.

For all other procedure codes if the "E" encounter type was allowed prior to the change then it will remain open to capture encounters but will not be billable.

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.
- Case Management Rules have changed for CMH and the following are now Medicaid billable:
  H2014HA with "5" recipient code- skills training
  T1017HATF with "5" recipient code- routine case management

T1017HATG with "5" recipient code- Intensive case management

The "5" code was used to distinguish LAR only from consumer only.

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

UM Guideline Changes

In preparation for the new UM guidelines, the service array will undergo additional changes to close LOC1 on 8-31-2013 and open LOC 1S and 1M effective 9-1-2013.

Documentation and Communication

Updated encounter validation rules can be found in the Mental retardation and Behavioral health Outpatient data Warehouse (MBOW) CA General Warehouse Information Specifications subfolder, report name *INFO Mental Health Service Array Combined.*

To submit mental health service array and encounter validation rule modification requests to DSHS, please email the MHServices email box at: MHServices@dshs.state.tx.us. For questions or further information related to this broadcast message, please contact Dr. Bonnie Curington at bonnie.curington@dshs.state.tx.us.