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| SUBJECT Additions to the Medical Assistance Fee Schedule for Private Duty Nursing Services Provided to Beneficiaries Under the Age of 21. | | BY  Sally A. Kozak, 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: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISE-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers of the addition of procedure codes T1002 and T1003 to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule for the provision of private duty nursing services, which are provided through home health agencies (HHA) to beneficiaries under 21 years of age.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to MA enrolled providers that render private duty nursing services to beneficiaries under 21 years of age in the MA fee-for-service delivery system.

BACKGROUND:

The MA Program pays HHAs to provide private duty nursing services, sometimes referred to as pediatric shift care nursing, to beneficiaries under 21 years of age. These services are provided to MA beneficiaries in the beneficiary's home and in community settings. A community setting is a place of service other than a beneficiary's residence, practitioner's office, or other healthcare facility; prescribed as part of a written plan of treatment; and, provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

Section 12006(a) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act), P.L. 114-255, added section 1903(l) to the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1396(b)(l), which mandates that states

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require Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) use for Medicaid-funded Home Health Care Services (HHCS) for in-home and community visits by a provider.

Although the Department of Human Services (Department) has used codes S9123, described as “Nursing care, in the home; by registered nurse, per hour,” and S9124, described as “Nursing care, in the home; by licensed practical nurse, per hour,” for pediatric shift care nursing HHCS, providers and other stakeholders expressed concerns that they are not able to bill for services provided in smaller time increments.

DISCUSSION:

The Department is adding procedure codes T1002 and T1003 to the MA Program Fee Schedule to allow providers to seek authorization of, and bill for, pediatric shift care nursing for MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age in 15-minute increments. These procedure codes are available for Provider Type/Specialty combination 05/050 (Home Health/Home Health Services) in Place of Service 12 (Home) with no modifiers.

| Procedure Code | Code Description | Fee | Unit Limit | Age Limit | Prior Authorization Required |
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| T1002 | RN services, up to 15 minutes | \$12.50 per unit | 96 per day | Age 0-20 | Yes |
| T1003 | LPN services, up to 15 minutes | \$12.50 per unit | 96 per day | Age 0-20 | Yes |

PROCEDURE:

Prior authorization is required for pediatric shift care nursing provided by HHAs. When seeking prior authorization of pediatric shift care nursing HHCS rendered to MA beneficiaries under 21 years of age, providers must identify either procedure codes T1002/T1003 or S9123/S9124 on the MA 97 form. Only one of the Registered Nurse codes (T10002 or S9123) and one of the Licensed Practical Nurse codes (T10003 or S9124) can be used in a calendar month for a beneficiary, although providers may seek prior authorization for a different procedure code beginning on the first day of a subsequent calendar month when submitting a new MA 97 form.

Pediatric shift care nursing rendered by HHAs with a provider specialty of 050 are HHCS subject to EVV. Procedure codes T1002, T1003, S9123, and S9124 will all be accepted by EVV systems.

Information related to EVV may be viewed by accessing the Department’s website at the following link: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Billing-Info/Pages/EVV.aspx>. HHCS specific information can be found by clicking the HHCS link within that website or by using the following link: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Billing-Info/Pages/EVV-HHCS.aspx>.

Providers may access the on-line version of the MA Program Fee Schedule, which reflects these changes, at the Department's website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/MA-Fee-Schedule.aspx>.