



Weekly Provider News

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2016 CPT-4/HCPCS Updates for Home Health

Effective October 1, 2016, HCPCS Code G0154 (Direct Skilled Nursing Services of a Licensed Nurse, each 15 minutes) will become a non-benefit and will be replaced with codes G0299 and G0300. This update is in alignment with Medi-Cal's CPT-4/HCPCS code updates for 2016.

Home Health providers should instead bill HCPCS codes G0299 (direct skilled nursing services of a Registered Nurse in the home health setting) or G0300 (direct skilled nursing of a Licensed Practical Nurse [LPN]/Licensed Vocational Nurse [LVN]) using revenue code (0551). Per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidance, the new HCPCS G-Codes have been established to differentiate levels of nursing services provided during a home health episode of care.

For more details on the CPT4/HCPCS updates, providers are encouraged to review the Medi-Cal 2016 updates to the *Current Procedure Terminology -4th Edition (CPT-4)* and the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) National Level II codes found in the following link: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/gm201609.asp#a2>. Additionally, providers should review the applicable provider manuals mentioned in the September 2016 General Medicine Medi-Cal Update (<http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/gm201609.asp#a2>).