

CPT and HCPCS Claims Auditing Guidelines Update for July 2013

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HHSC and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program continue to implement and enforce correct coding initiatives.

Beginning July 1, 2013, for dates of service on or after October 1, 2010, claims must be filed in accordance with *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) guidelines as defined in the American Medical Association (AMA) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) coding manuals. Claims that are not filed in accordance with CPT and HCPCS guidelines may be denied, including claims for services that were prior authorized or authorized based on documentation of medical necessity.

If a rendered service does not comply with CPT or HCPCS guidelines, medical necessity documentation may be submitted with the claim for the service to be considered for reimbursement; however, medical necessity documentation does not guarantee payment for the service.

Important: *Prior authorization and authorization based on documentation of medical necessity is a condition for reimbursement; it is not a guarantee of payment.*

Claims that were submitted with dates of service from October 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013, will not be reprocessed in accordance with CPT and HCPCS guidelines; however, claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2010, that are appealed or reprocessed for reasons other than correct coding edits will be subject to correct coding guidelines.

For additional information, providers can refer to the following articles:

- [“CPT and HCPCS Claims Auditing Guidelines Update,”](#) which was published on this website on January 7, 2011
- [“Correction About NCCI Coding Guidelines and Its Effect on Surgery Guidelines,”](#) which was published on this website on February 25, 2011

Providers are encouraged to refer to this website and for articles about changes in coding guidelines.

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