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TO: Executive Directors, Behavioral Health Directors, and Utilization Managers
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)

From: Mary Sowder, Director
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Re: Mental Health Service Array Revisions

This broadcast message is to inform LMHAs of the upcoming revisions to the mental health service array for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY 15) and Fiscal Year 2016 (FY 16). The array change log is posted on the Mental retardation and Behavioral health Outpatient Warehouse (MBOW) homepage. The log is updated to correspond with the changes described in this broadcast message.

Specific changes to the Service Array:

The Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) issued Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Special Bulletin #7 outlining updates to the coding system for 2015. To comply with these updates, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be responding with updates to HCPCS codes within the mental health service array. These updates will be enacted within the DSHS system 90 days from the date of this communication (i.e., September 1, 2015); however, please be aware that these code changes have already taken effect within the TMHP system.

DSHS is deleting base PROCEDURE_CD = M0064, pharmacological management for a client who is stable on medication. This procedure code is not being directly replaced. Instead, pharmacological management and oversight must be billed using the most appropriate evaluation and management (E/M) procedure code as part of the E/M visit. Encounters containing base PROCEDURE_CD = M0064 reported beyond September 1, 2015, will be rejected. As this change involves a procedure code deletion, please eliminate this code from your use as expeditiously as possible; do not wait until September 1, to do so.

Also, as of September 1, DSHS is adding telemedicine services as a GT modifier to the following base PROCEDURE_CDs for initial inpatient consultations for inpatient hospital services: 99251, 99252, 99253, 99254, 99255. DSHS is also adding telemedicine service modifiers to the children's service array for family counseling base PROCEDURE_CDs 90846 and 90847.

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The following updates are being implemented within the service array in addition to TMHP requirements:

As of June 1, 2015, DSHS is expanding base PROCEDURE_CD = 90792 (psychiatric diagnostic interview examination) to include community hospitals as a service location.

As of September 1, 2015, DSHS is changing the following base PROCEDURE_CDs for initial "Observation for the evaluation of a client" (i.e., Extended Obs) from bed day units to Hour/Event units reported in 15 minute increments: 99218, 99219, 99220. DSHS is also changing the corresponding grid codes to facilitate this transition. For the Adult Mental Health array, the grid code will change from 1705 (current) to 1706 (new). For the Children's Mental Health array, the grid code will change from 2705 (current) to 2706 (new).

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure timely and accurate data reporting. For questions regarding these changes, please e-mail Rosa Hernandez at rosa.hernandez@dshs.state.tx.us or Joanna Hutchison at joanna.hutchison@dshs.state.tx.us.