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National Correct Coding Initiative Update – Immediate Attention Required: Preventive Care Codes and Immunization Administration Codes

The Department of Health and Hospitals would like to advise that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has rescinded their decision to allow state agencies to deactivate National Correct Coding Initiative code pairs for preventive care and immunization administration codes.

Based on CMS' decision, the Department has sent the following message to Louisiana Medicaid Providers:

Effective 2014, states will no longer have CMS approval to deactivate the preventive care and immunization administration code pairs; for that reason, Louisiana Medicaid fee for service (legacy) and Bayou Health Plans must reactivate these edits. CMS has provided the following guidance which shall allow both the immunization administration and the preventive medicine evaluation and management (E/M) service to be reimbursed.

“If a Medicaid beneficiary receives one or more immunizations and a “significant, separately identifiable” preventive-medicine evaluation and management (E/M) service from the same provider on the same date of service, the provider’s Medicaid claim(s) should include both the immunization administration code . . . and the comprehensive preventive-medicine E/M code . . . with modifier 25 appended

If the provider . . . bills a comprehensive preventive-medicine E/M code for the same day and does not append modifier 25, the Medicaid PTP edits will deny payment of the preventive medicine E/M code.”

Louisiana Medicaid fee for service (legacy) and Bayou Health Plans will reimburse both the immunization administration and the preventive medicine E/M services when modifier -25 is properly appended to the preventive medicine E/M procedure code. Documentation in the clinical record must substantiate each service.