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| <u>Notification:</u> | <u>HUM 8404</u> |
| <u>Category:</u> | <u>CPT - Evaluation and Management Services</u> |
| <u>Topic:</u> | <u>Louisiana Medicaid: multiple initial hospital care services – CPT codes 99221–99223</u> |
| <u>What is changing? / Change Description:</u> | <u>We do not reimburse charges for CPT codes 99221– 99223 if billed following an initial inpatient or observation encounter.</u> |
| <u>Why is Humana making this change? / Change Reason:</u> | <u>According to the AMA CPT manual, along with guidance from Louisiana Medicaid guidelines, initial care codes are used to report the first hospital inpatient or observation status encounter with the patient. Subsequent days following an initial visit should be billed with the appropriate service codes.</u> |
| <u>Language:</u> | <u>English</u> |
| <u>Impacted Products:</u> | <u>Medicaid- Louisiana</u> |