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TO: Physicians Participating in MassHealth

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RE: *Physician Manual* (New Modifiers for Provider Preventable Conditions That Are National Coverage Determinations)

This letter transmits updates to Subchapter 6 of the *Physician Manual* to add modifiers for Provider Preventable Conditions (PPCs) that are National Coverage Determinations. For more information about PPCs and related billing instructions, see Transmittal Letter ALL-195.

These updates are effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012.

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Questions

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NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

Physician Manual

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OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

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Modifiers for Behavioral-Health Screening

The administration and scoring of standardized behavioral-health screening tools selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual is covered for members (except MassHealth Limited) from birth to 21 years of age. Service Code 96110 must be accompanied by one of the modifiers listed below to indicate whether a behavioral-health need was identified. “Behavioral-health need identified” means the provider administering the screening tool, in his or her professional judgment, identified a child with a potential behavioral health services need.

Modifier Modifier Description

- U1 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual with **no** behavioral health need identified when administered by a physician, independent nurse midwife or independent nurse practitioner.
- U2 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual and a behavioral health need was identified when administered by a physician, independent nurse midwife or independent nurse practitioner.
- U3 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual with **no** behavioral health need identified when administered by a nurse midwife employed by a physician.
- U4 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual and a behavioral health need was identified when administered by a nurse midwife employed by a physician.
- U5 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual with **no** behavioral health need identified when administered by a nurse practitioner employed by a physician.
- U6 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual and a behavioral health need was identified when administered by a nurse practitioner employed by a physician.
- U7 Completed behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual with **no** behavioral health need identified when administered by a physician assistant employed by a physician.
- U8 Completed a behavioral health screening using a standardized behavioral health screening tool selected from the approved menu of tools found in Appendix W of your provider manual and a behavioral health need was identified when administered by a physician assistant employed by a physician.

Modifier for Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)

- HA Service Code 90801 must be accompanied by this modifier to indicate that the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is included in the psychiatric diagnostic interview examination. This modifier may be billed only by psychiatrists.

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Modifiers for Provider Preventable Conditions That Are National Coverage Determinations

Modifier Modifier Description

PA Surgical or other invasive procedure on wrong body part
 PB Surgical or other invasive procedure on wrong patient
 PC Wrong surgery or other invasive procedure on patient

For more information on the use of these modifiers, see Appendix V of your provider manual.

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