

interChange Provider Important Message

Change to Unit of Measure for 1546P – Independent Living Skills Training

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has made the policy decision to change the unit of measure for procedure code 1546P - Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) from per hour to per 15 minute. This change will be effective March 1, 2017 and affect all 1546P services performed on date of service March 1, 2017 forward. On March 1, 2017 Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) providers will see that 1546P prior authorizations (PA) have been modified on the www.ctdssmap.com portal and in the Santrax system to reflect the change to the unit of measure.

What are the next steps?

- The Access Agencies will end date all PAs for procedure code 1546P on February 28, 2017 and resume the care plan with a new authorization effective March 1, 2017 with units that support the quarter hour unit of measure change.
- Providers will need to enter the usual and customary rate for the per 15 minute unit of measure 1546P service code in the Santrax system.
- Providers will need to perform a mass edit on the applicable ILST schedules in the Santrax system to affect the unit of measure change.
- DSS will modify the pay rate to reflect the per 15 minute unit of measure for March 1, 2017 going forward so that claims will pay correctly.

Sandata will soon issue an email blast that will provide instructions for updating rates and editing ILST schedules.

In the future, if a provider needs to adjust claims that were submitted for services performed prior to March 1, 2017, the resubmitted claim will adhere to the unit value in place on the date of service.