

interChange Provider Important Message

Update to the Billing Requirements for Evaluations and Re-Certifications Performed by Home Health Agencies and Access Agencies.

ATTENTION PROVIDERS. For dates of service, April 1, 2017 and forward, the Department of Social Services will require home health agencies to bill the correct evaluation code (T1001) or review of plan code (G0162) for medical and behavioral health care, as instructed in PB 2017-03. Financial adjustments upon audit will be made to home health agencies that continue billing HCPCS code S9123 and/or S9124 for the completion of start of care/resumption of care (SOC/ROC) evaluations or the 60th day re-certification of services after April, 1, 2017. G0162 is currently excluded from the CHC, ABI and PCA care plan portal and is not an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) mandated service. T1001 will continue to be included in the CHC, ABI and PCA care plan portal and is an EVV mandated service.

Both the evaluation code, (T1001) and review of plan code, (G0162) can be coded with the modifiers listed below By Access Agencies and/or Home Health Agencies.

- TD-Registered nurse (RN)
- TT-Individualized services provided to more than one patient in the same setting;
- TG-Complex/high level of care;
- TE-LPN/LVN; or
- TH-Obstetrical treatment/services, prenatal or postpartum.

All approved prior authorizations (PAs) for ROC evaluations and 60th day re-certifications expiring after April 1st will be honored by the Department; however, these PAs will not be renewed if HCPCS codes S9123 or S9124 are being billed instead of correct T1001 or G0162 HCPCS codes. Effective immediately, home health agencies and access agencies, must obtain a PA if more than one evaluation (T1001) is needed to be completed during the calendar year as per Sec. 17b-262-732(b)(1). For instance, if a ROC evaluation is completed within the calendar year; then the home health agency or access agency must obtain authorization and they must bill using HCPCS code T1001.

The Department is not requiring home health agencies to obtain PAs for 60th day re-certifications (G0162). Home health agencies will be allowed to bill a maximum of six (6) units within a 60 day period of time.