



**TO: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives and General Hospitals**

**RE: Additional Guidance Regarding Shared/Split Medical Visits**

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Effective for dates of service retroactive to January 1, 2021 and forward, joint/split patient encounters between \*non-physician practitioner (NPP's) and supervising physicians, time spent assessing and managing the patient (distinct face to face and non-face to face time) can be added together for assessing and managing a patient when determining the level of service.

*\*NPPs are defined as physician assistants (PA), advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and certified nurse midwives (CNM).*

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is following the guidance as published in the 2021 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual published by the American Medical Association (AMA) regarding split/shared medical visits.

**Please Note:** Only distinct time should be summed for shared/split medical visits. When two or more individuals jointly meet with or discuss the patient, only the time of one individual should be counted.

Please continue to refer to **Provider Bulletin [\(PB\) 2016-68](#)** - *Split/Shared Medical Visits* for further information regarding the billing of shared/split medical visits.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-842-8440.