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TO: Behavioral Health Clinicians and Psychologists

RE: Addition of Depression Screening Procedure Codes

Effective for dates of service July 1, 2022 and forward the Department of Social Services (DSS) is adding the following procedure codes to the Behavioral Health Clinician and Psychologist fee schedules to be billed when depression screens are administered to a HUSKY Health (A, B, C, and D) member.

Procedure Code	Description
G8431	Screening for depression is documented as positive, and a follow-up plan is documented
G8510	Screening for depression is documented as negative, a follow-up plan is not required

The addition of the above procedure codes will support the ability to accurately reflect when a depression screen is administered. Please note that effective, July 1, 2022 and forward, procedure code 96127 (brief emotional/behavioral assessment) should only be billed when the screen administered is **not** a depression screen.

Although not a requirement, DSS encourages providers to utilize modifiers U3 (**positive** developmental / BH screen) and U4 (**negative** developmental / BH screen) when billing procedure code 96127 to report positive versus negative screens. This data will enable DSS to more comprehensively track the number of HUSKY Health members who receive behavioral screens, monitor negative versus positive results, and ensure that related services and supports are readily available based on our HUSKY Health members' needs.

Modifiers U3 and U4 are **not** required when billing with procedure codes G8431 and G8510 since the descriptions are specific to a positive versus a negative depression screen.

Providers must use age-appropriate, validated screening tools when administering depression or other types of behavioral screens (billed under 96127) to HUSKY Health members.

Accessing the Fee Schedules

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "I Accept", then select the appropriate fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

Posting Instructions:

Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at www.ctdssmap.com.

Distribution:

This policy transmittal is being distributed to providers of the CMAP by Gainwell Technologies.

Responsible Unit:

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