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Community Behavioral Health Providers

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In July 2021 Ohio Medicaid communicated via MITS BITS the continued use of 99354 and 99355 as allowable billing codes for prolonged services associated with certain evaluation and management (E&M) services on a temporary basis until MITS programming and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules could be updated to align with the prolonged services coding guidance implemented by the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on January 1, 2021.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, ODM and Medicaid managed care plans will require Medicaid community behavioral health providers to use AMA procedure codes of 99415 and 99416 for prolonged E&M services. Providers should refer to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual for additional information about appropriate use of codes 99415 and 99416.

Beginning on January 1, 2022 MITS and Managed Care Plan billing logic will follow National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure to Procedure (PTP) edits and will no longer allow the use of 99354 and 99355 with E&M codes 99202-99205 and 99211-99215. Prolonged services codes 99354 and 99355 will continue to be covered for use with other codes as allowed by CPT guidance.

Medicaid coverage of prolonged services codes 99417 and G2212 (added effective January 1, 2021) will continue. Providers should refer to the CPT manual and the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for additional information about appropriate use of codes 99417 and G2212.

The proposed Medicaid payment amounts for prolonged services codes effective January 1, 2022 can be found in the appendix to OAC rule 5160-27-03, which was filed on October 15, 2021. ODM will be revising the Behavioral Health Provider Manual to include these changes related to billing for prolonged services. A subsequent MITS BITS will be released when the new provider manual is available.

Questions about these this MITS BITS may be submitted to BH-Enroll@Medicaid.Ohio.Gov.