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Policy Clarification

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County Authority: ALL

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Question: Per Policy Clarification #06-12 dated 10/09/12, licensed Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics are able to bill for medication visits provided by an RN or LPN. Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Clinics also employ RNs and LPNs who conduct medication visits. Does Policy Clarification #06-12 applied to HealthChoices licensed Outpatient Drug & Alcohol Clinics?

Background: 55 PA Code Chapter 1223, Subsection 2, defines Drug and alcohol outpatient clinic medical personnel as "licensed physicians, that is, medical doctors or osteopaths, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified registered nurse practitioners and certified physician assistants".

OMHSAS Answer/Response: No, Policy Clarification #06-12 does not apply to licensed Drug and Alcohol Outpatient clinics. It only applies to Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics.

Licensed Drug and Alcohol Outpatient clinics are able to bill for pharmacologic management visits provided by the Drug and Alcohol Outpatient clinic medical personnel that are indicated above. A Medicaid pricing modifier "U7" must be used in combination with the CPT code 90862 and indicate that the place of service is "57" – an independent clinic.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced that there are changes in process for billing for Psychiatric and Drug and Alcohol Services, including Pharmacologic Management. OMHSAS will issue guidance and direction prior to any PROMISE changes that will allow for new billing practices. Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations should continue submitting encounters per the above response until further notice.


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