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### Provider Notice

**To: HealthChoices Peer Support Services Providers**  
**From: Don Stiffler, Provider Relations Manager**  
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**Subject: MH 10 102 Addition of Interactive Telecommunications Modifier for Peer Support Per Revised Bulletin OMHSAS-09-07**

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Effective January 1, 2010, OMHSAS issued Bulletin OMHSAS-09-07 “Peer Support Services – Revised.” The revisions allow for Peer Support Service (PSS) Providers to bill for services delivered via interactive telecommunication means such as telephone, TTY, Webcam or even instant messaging under circumstances described in the revised Bulletin.

There will be no change to the authorization as a result of this revised Bulletin; however, Providers will be required to bill services via interactive communications using procedure code H0038 with the GT modifier. See matrix below:

Provider Type/Specialty	Description	CPT	Modifier
11/076; 08/076; 21/076	Peer Support	H0038	
11/076; 08/076; 21/076	Peer Support - Interactive Telecommunication	H0038	GT

Service limitations included in using the H0038 code are indicated in the excerpt below from the peer support bulletin:

The MA fee and per day/per year limits apply to the Medical Assistance Fee- For -Service Program (MA FFS). The limit on telephone billing (25%) applies to both FFS and HealthChoices. Services may be billed for the time that the peer specialist has face-to-face interaction with the individual and/or while the individual is present, with the individual’s family, friends, service providers or other essential persons.

Please see the Bulletin for additional information. As always, we strongly suggest that all Providers conduct routine self audits to assure full compliance with the Bulletin. Please feel free to contact your Provider Relations Representative with any questions or concerns.