

Provider Notice

To: **PerformCare Network Providers**
From: **PerformCare**
Date: **November 3, 2023**
Subject: **AD 23 121: Pre-Payment Claims Edits for Duplicate / Disallowed Services**

Certain claims edits, listed on the following pages, have been effective since 2016 and were announced in AD 16 102, while others have been updated due to changes in services, billing codes and expectations over the years.

The claims edits are designed to address billing for duplicate or disallowed services. It is important to note that these edits are applied throughout the treatment episode. For example, for the duration of a treatment episode of Mental Health Partial Hospitalization, separate billing for outpatient Evaluation & Management visits are disallowed as the Member's medication management is to be delivered as part of the partial hospitalization service. On Remittance Advices, any clinically duplicative claims will have denial reason "Cost Avoid/Recovery – NCCI Edit."

Prior to submitting a claim, it is important for providers to assess whether certain services may be approved as adjunct services. In many cases, if clinically appropriate, the disallowed services on the following list can be prior authorized as adjunct services. Providers should complete and submit an adjunct request for instances where disallowed services are clinically appropriate. The Adjunct Form is located here: <https://pa.performcare.org/assets/pdf/providers/resources-information/form-prior-auth-adjunct-request.pdf>. If the additional services are prior authorized with PerformCare, payment will be approved to both services, assuming all other payment provisions are followed.

For further detail pertaining to claims edits, please refer to (i) Provider Notice AD13 103R NCCI Claims Edits (11/1/13); (ii) Policy Clarification PC-16, Lab Charges during Substance Abuse Treatment (12/1/14); and (iii) SA 12 100 Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program Expectations (2/13/12). These documents are available at: <http://pa.performcare.org/providers/resources-information/policies.aspx>

Questions related to this Provider Notice and/or about specific disallowed CPT code combinations can be directed to your Account Executive.

If a Member is in the following Mental Health (MH) Service:	THEN the following services are disallowed during the Tx Episode:
Assertive Community Treatment / Community Treatment Teams	MH Outpatient Diagnostic Evaluations MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group) MH Outpatient E&M services
CRR Host Home and CRR Intensive Treatment Program	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family)
Dialectical Behavior Therapy (Adolescents and Adults) DBT	MH Outpatient Diagnostic Evaluations MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group)
Family Based Mental Health Services (FBMH)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, The Incredible Years)
IBHS Group/ ABA Group	MH Outpatient Family Therapy MH Outpatient Group Therapy
IBHS Group- After-School Program/ Stepping Stones	MH Outpatient Family Therapy
IBHS Group - Educationally-Integrated Behavioral Support Program (EIBS) and Early Intensive Behavior Intervention (EIBI)	MH Outpatient Diagnostic Evaluation (non-medical) MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group)
IBHS Group- Intensive Day Treatment (IDT)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group)
IBHS Individual (Mobile Therapy only)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family)
IBHS Individual - Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family)
IBHS Individual - Multi-systemic Therapy (MST)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group)
IBHS Individual - Youth Fire-setter Assessment Consultation Treatment Service (YFACTS)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family)
MH Partial Hospitalization	MH Outpatient Diagnostic Evaluations MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group, The Incredible Years) MH Outpatient E&M services
MH Psychiatric Inpatient (including Extended Acute Care)	MH Outpatient Diagnostic Evaluations MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group) MH Outpatient E&M services All Lab codes and physician consultation charges are disallowed as part of all-inclusive per diem unless specifically allowed by hospital contract.
Mobile Mental Health Therapy (MMHT)	MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group)

Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Site Based Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)	Mobile MH Treatment services MH Outpatient Diagnostic Evaluations MH Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group) MH Outpatient E&M services
If a Member is in the following Substance Use (SU) Service:	THEN the following services are disallowed during the Tx Episode:
SU Inpatient and Non-Hospital Detoxification, Residential Rehabilitation and Halfway House	All Lab codes and physician consultation charges are disallowed as part of all-inclusive per diem unless specifically allowed by provider contract*
SU Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)	SU Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group), whether provided at same or different providers*
Methadone Maintenance	All Lab codes are disallowed during the duration of treatment except as allowed by regulation. (See PerformCare Policy Clarification PC-16) * SU Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group), except when the modifier HF is used for Methadone clinics in CABHC counties only , whether provided at same or different providers*
SU Partial Hospitalization	SU Outpatient Therapies (individual, family, group), whether provided at same or different providers

*These disallowed services have been identified as high-risk areas for providers that have been subject to previous recovery of funds. Please evaluate Members in treatment for concurrent services. Prior authorization would be required for continuation of disallowed therapy services.

cc: Scott Suhring, Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative
Missy Reisinger, Tuscarora Managed Care Alliance
Lisa Hanzel, PerformCare Executive Director
PerformCare Account Executives