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**Department of Health Care Finance**



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TO: DC Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: 2022 HCPCS/CPT Code Updates

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Each year the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) releases modifications of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code set. Level I of the HCPCS are CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) codes, maintained by the American Medical Association, that are used primarily to identify medical services and procedures furnished by physicians and other health care professionals. Level II of the HCPCS is a standardized coding system that is used primarily to identify products, supplies, and services not included in the CPT codes, such as ambulance services and durable medical equipment.

For additional information about the HCPCS code set, please visit the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo/>

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will adopt new CPT-HCPCS codes for dates of service beginning *January 1, 2022*. Discontinued codes will not be accepted after *December 31, 2021*.

The new codes will be priced according to the District of Columbia's Medicaid State Plan (*See Attachment 4.19B, Part I, Page 13*), which stipulates that most physician services (including anesthesia services) are reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare rate as established by the CMS. For anesthesia services, the conversion factor will be updated to \$18.94 effective for dates of service January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

In the event of Medicare pricing delays, covered codes will be priced at zero on an interim basis until Medicare pricing is available. Claims will be retroactively adjusted as appropriate. Final coverage decisions for some new codes may be pending release of Medicare pricing information. Finally, COVID-19 related codes that are created throughout the year as needed continue to be managed per the effective dates with corresponding transmittals and are not included here as part of the annual update.

The listing of new, discontinued, and revised 2022 CPT/HCPCS codes with their associated short descriptions and Medicaid coverage status (for new codes) is attached to this transmittal. For long descriptions, please consult your CPT and HCPCS resources. This transmittal with the list of CPT/HCPCS changes for 2022 will also be available at the DC Medicaid website <http://www.dc-medicaid.com> by January 3, 2022.

The 2022 full fee schedule will be available beginning on January 14, 2022 on the DC Medicaid Web Portal. For questions, please call the Conduent Provider Inquiry Unit at (202) 906-8319 (inside DC metro area) or 1-866-752-9233 (outside DC Metro area).