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SUBJECT: October 1, 2020 Effective Service Coding Changes

Effective for services provided starting October 1, 2020, MDHHS is implementing the following coding changes:

- Community Living Support services delivered in unlicensed setting should be reported in 15-minute units using H2015, not H0043, as previously described in the March 23, 2020 letter.
- The group modifier (TT) used for many behavioral health services will be replaced by one of the following nationally used group modifiers which more specifically identify the number of people in the group, for H2015 and T2027 beginning October 1, 2020.
 - UN - 2 patients served
 - UP - 3 patients served
 - UQ - 4 patients served
 - UR - 5 patients served
 - US - 6 or more patients served(Use of these modifiers on other services such as group therapy, skill building, and supported employment will begin 10/1/2021.)
- Services that are identified as Self-Determination services based on [MDHHS policy](#) should be reported with a U7 modifier effective 10/1/2020.

Coding changes are being made to improve tracking of the services being delivered, allowing greater transparency in:

- Resource requirements,
- Unit cost variations across providers, which have historically varied because of differences in time per unit, staffing ratios, and/or provider reimbursement, and
- The amount of Self-Directed services that are being provided throughout the state, which is a reporting requirement that MDHHS has been unable to complete to date.

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These changes, including the removal of H0043 and the TT modifier, will be made in the Mental Health Code Charts effective October 1, 2020. It is recommended that PIHPs and CMHSPs review contracts and data systems to begin preparations for these changes. All other changes being considered as part of the behavioral health fee schedule project are anticipated to be effective October 1, 2021.

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