



Provider Alert for April 1, 2018

New Universal Billing Codes for CHHA, LHCSA, and Adult Day Care Services

The New York State Public Health Law has been amended to require universal standards for coding of payment for home and community based long term care services claims. Specifically, it requires these codes to be based on universal billing codes approved by the Health Department and be consistent with any codes developed as part of the uniform assessment system for long term care established by the Department.

Any claims under contracts or agreements between any long term care providers and MetroPlus are required to be processed using the universal standards for coding of payments. In addition, the Public Health Law has been amended to require *electronic payments* of claims under contracts or agreements between any long term care providers and managed long term care plans or managed care plans. These payments are required to be paid via electronic funds transfer.

As such, effective April 1, 2018 MetroPlus will require that any claims for CHHA, LHCSA, and Adult Day Care (both Medical and Social) services be billed using the new universal billing codes, including the appropriate modifier (if necessary), as required by New York State Department of Health. This includes claims for any services that were authorized using the historical codes. Effective April 1, 2018, MetroPlus will no longer authorize services under the historical codes, and will only issue authorizations using the universal codes.

Provider Contract Amendments to reflect the new codes are in process and should be received by your agency shortly, if they have not been received already. These amendments do not impact your contracted rates, and only impact the coding and the time-allotment of some services provided.

More detail regarding these codes can be found on the Department of Health website:

https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/reimbursement/letters/dal_2017-12-07_billing_codes.htm

If you are not currently receiving EFT payments, or if you have questions about use of universal billing codes, please contact your MetroPlus Provider Representative at 212-908-3636 to request information on how to enroll in electronic payments.