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MEMORANDUM

TO: Diagnostic & Evaluation Providers
FROM: Melissa Weatherton
DATE: May 2, 2023
SUBJECT: Current & Prospective Diagnostic & Evaluation Providers

Effective January 1, 2023, the Department of Human Services implemented a new Medicaid manual opening certain diagnostic and evaluation procedure codes related to eligibility and treatment development services for specific Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) and the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (OSAM) programs.

DDS evaluated many options for how a current provider could provide testing services without having to enroll as another provider type and/or provider specialty. It has been determined that providers can continue using PT 19/62, and 19/XX. Billing rules by procedure codes and modifier combinations are being implemented to differentiate testing by program. We are aware of the systematic issues and are working to get all issues resolved. Due to the process for systematic implementations, dates cannot be provided at this time billing rules will be backed dated to 01/01/2023 for Autism and IDD testing.

DDS will publish both a fee schedule and procedure code table link within the Diagnostic and Evaluation Services Medicaid manual, which will provide a real time snapshot of all currently available procedure codes, code descriptions, and applicable unit limits.

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