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ATTENTION: Independent Mental Health Practitioners
FROM: South Dakota Medicaid
RE: NCCI Edits for CPT codes 90847, 90849 and 90853

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) added CPT codes 90847, 90849, and 90853 to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits beginning with dates of service of 7/1/13. The edit established a medically unlikely edit (MUE) for units of service over (1) for the same recipient on the same day of service.

South Dakota has reviewed its billing and pricing structure for these CPT codes. We are amending our practice of requiring independent mental health practitioners to bill these codes in 15 minute units. We are currently in the process of updating the Professional Billing Manual to reflect this and our fee schedule. The fee has been adjusted to reflect the limitation of one unit of service. The fees will be updated to the following:

90847	FAMILY PSYCHOTHERAPY-CONJOINT	\$46.04
90849	MULTIPLE-FAMILY-GROUP-PSYCHOTHERAPY	\$46.04
90853	GROUP MEDICAL PSYCHOTHERAPY	\$46.04

For Providers that have submitted claims with dates of service of 7/1/13 and later and those claims denied for “payment of procedure code denied based on MUE” may resubmit these claims and the claims will pay at the above reference rate if the bill at one unit of service regardless of the time spent with the patient.

For more information on NCCI edits and an available download of those edits, please visit the CMS site at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Data-and-Systems/National-Correct-Coding-Initiative.html>

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