

TO: Home Care Services Providers

APPLICABLE TO: Home Health and Homemaker Agencies, and Independent Mental Health Clinics Under Contract To Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS)

SUBJECT: (1) The Elimination of Hourly Procedure Codes,
(2) New Monthly Billing Procedures for Personal Care Assistant Services, and
(3) Limitation on Hours

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 1995

BACKGROUND: Personal care assistant services are limited to 25 hours per week (but in extenuating circumstances, up to 40 hours) under the regular Medicaid Program, and to a maximum of 25 hours per week under the Mental Health Personal Care Program.

ACTION: (1) Effective April 1, 1995, regardless of the

Z1611 Individual, half-hour, weekday
Z1615 Individual, half-hour, weekend/holiday
Z1612 Group (per person), half-hour, weekday
Z1617 Group (per person), half-hour, weekend/holiday
Z1611ZI Individual, half-hour, weekday (DMHS)
Z1612ZI Group (per person), half-hour, weekday (DMHS)

All units of service must be reported in half-hour intervals; providers should convert the hourly service codes into the half-hour procedure codes.

Effective April 1, 1995, the following personal care procedure codes will be reclassified as not payable by Medicaid:

Z1600 Individual, hour, weekday
Z1614 Individual, hour, weekend/holiday
Z1605 Group (per person), hour, weekday
Z1616 Group (per person), hour, weekend/holiday
Z1600ZI Individual, hour, weekday (DMHS)
Z1605ZI Group, (per person), hour, weekend/holiday

Reimbursement of services will not be affected. The rates for the half-hour codes are half of the hourly rates.

Example #1: 6 hours of individual weekday personal care services:

Z1600 at \$14 per hour x 6 hours = \$84.(old)

Z1611 at \$7 per half-hour x 12 half-hours = \$84.(new)

Example #2: 2 1/2 hours of individual weekday personal care services:

Z1600 at \$14 per hour x 2 hours = \$28.

Z1611 at \$7 per half-hour x 1 half-hour = \$ 7.
\$35.(old)

Z1611 at \$7 per half-hour x 5 half-hours = \$35.(new)

- (2) Effective April 1, 1995, providers must not span calendar months when billing for personal care services. Dates of service may continue to be spanned, but only within the same calendar month.

Example: Billing for April 12, 1995 through May 11, 1995:

Line 1: 041295043095 or 041295
043095

Line 2: 050195051195 or 050195
051195

- (3) Effective April 1, 1995, personal care services for mental health services for mental health clients are **limited to 8 hours in a day.**

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