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# Medicaid Alert

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**TO:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Hospital Outpatient Departments, Home Health Care Agencies, and Independent Clinics

**SUBJECT:** Changes in Billing Procedures for Certain CPT Procedure and Revenue Codes

**PURPOSE:** To notify Medicaid/NJ Family Care (NJFC) fee-for-service (FFS) providers of changes in billing procedures when requesting payment consideration for occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), speech-language-hearing therapy (ST) and certain mental health services.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, service dates for the CPT procedure and Revenue codes described in this Alert are billed on Medicaid/NJFC claims using individual and "span" dates. Span dating refers to the reporting of service dates on claims as a "span" consisting of a "From Date" and a "Through Date."

The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is discontinuing the use of "span" dates on claims for OT, PT, ST and certain mental health services to more effectively monitor Medicaid/NJFC FFS payments and utilization of services by Medicaid/NJFC beneficiaries.

**ACTION:** FFS claims for OT, PT, ST and certain mental health services **with service dates on or after April 1, 2002** that report service dates as "span" dates (i.e. From Date – Through Date) shall be denied payment by the Medicaid/NJFC program. These claims shall be denied by Error Code 163, "Procedure spanning dates of service." This change shall apply to the following CPT procedure and Revenue codes:

## CPT Codes

## Description

H5300

Occupational therapy

90870

Electroconvulsive therapy (includes necessary monitoring); single seizure

**CPT Codes**

**Description**

92507	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); individual
97799	Unlisted physical medicine/rehabilitation service or procedure

**Outpatient Revenue Codes**

420 421 422 423 424 429  
430 431 432 433 434 439  
440 441 442 443 444 449  
912 913 (Rehabilitation codes for occupational, physical, speech-language therapies and certain mental health services)

**Home Health Revenue Codes**

420 430 440 (Rehabilitation codes for occupational, physical, speech-language therapies and certain mental health services)

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