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TO: Early Intervention Occupational and Physical Therapy Evaluating Providers

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RE: MLN Matters Number MM9782: 2017 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List

In November 2016, the Bureau of Early Intervention (EI) was made aware of evaluation code changes for Occupational and Physical Therapists. Since that time, we have been working very closely with both the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) and the Central Billing Office (CBO) to secure information on the impact these changes will have. We anticipate receiving additional information within the next couple of weeks that should allow us to create the proper systems.

Unfortunately, at this time there is still not enough clarity from the federal Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to implement any needed changes at both HFS and CBO. The only confirmed information we have received is that any claims submitted for dates of service beginning January 1, 2017 for both Occupational Therapy Evaluations/Assessments or Physical Therapy Evaluations/Assessments must have the updated coding or they will be rejected.

Due to the insufficient information from HHS, at this point both HFS and CBO are not prepared to process claims submitted with the new codes. While we work diligently with HFS and HHS, we ask for your patience and understanding and recommend you withhold submitting claims to the CBO for Occupational or Physical Therapy Evaluation/Assessments performed beginning January 1, 2017.

Submitting claims for dates of service performed prior to January 1, 2017 are still acceptable for processing using the former codes. Submitting claims for dates of service performed on or after January 1, 2017 risk insufficient information or processes that may result in additional work on your behalf to correct or resubmit. Waiting to submit until the information is known and shared will ultimately be the best method for ensuring proper processing and payment without additional steps.

Thank you for your continued patience while we continue to collect the necessary information!