



# MassHealth Provider Services

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- Background:
  - ❖ With an anticipated effective date of September 1, 2016 MassHealth will require all Physician Assistants (PAs), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), Nurse Midwives (NMWs), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) and Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists (PCNSs) to enroll in MassHealth in order to receive payment for services rendered.
  - ❖ Under these new regulations there is no change for Nurse Practitioners (NPs). NPs may enroll as an independent clinical nurse practitioner or not enroll and act as a non-independent nurse practitioner.



# Key Points

- Anticipated on 9/1/16, groups that employ a PA, CRNA, and NMW can no longer bill for services under the supervising physician's NPI.
- The following claim modifiers, billed under a supervising physician, will be deactivated, anticipated on 9/1/16:
  - HN - billed for physician assistants
  - SB – billed for nurse midwives
- Payment for Physician Assistants will be made to MassHealth participating group practices that have at least one physician as a member. Group practices without a physician member cannot bill for PA services.
- Physician Assistants can participate in the PCC program as PCCs.



## Key Points (cont.)

- Independent Nurse Practitioners remain eligible to participate in the PCC program as PCCs.
- All anesthesia codes between procedure codes 00100-00199 require a modifier or will be denied anticipated on 9/1/16.
  - Payable modifiers are AA, QK, QY, QX, QZ
- The SA modifier, used for a physician billing the services of a NP, will remain as a payable modifier.



# Physician Assistants (PAs)

- PAs must enroll as a MassHealth provider to participate in MassHealth, and must be enrolled in a group that employs at least one physician.
- A PA is eligible to be a PCC.
- PAs will not receive direct payment.
- Group practices without a physician member cannot bill for PA services.
  - Services provided by a PA must be billed with the NPI as the rendering provider number and the group practice's NPI as the billing/pay to number.
- The HN modifier will be deactivated, anticipated on 9/1/16.
- PAs must provide services under the supervision of a physician consistent with MassHealth's Physician regulations at 130 CMR 433.434 (C)



# Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)

- CRNAs must enroll as a MassHealth provider to participate in MassHealth.
- A CRNA is not eligible to be a PCC.
- A physician or group practice may not bill for CRNA services with an MD provider number, anticipated on 9/1/16.
- Medical Direction by a physician is payable (to a physician), anticipated on 9/1/16.
- Medical Supervision by a physician is not payable under MassHealth
  - See the Physician regulations at 130 CMR 433.454 (C) and (D) for the definition of medical direction and medical supervision.
- All anesthesia codes between procedure codes 00100-00199 require a modifier or will be denied anticipated on 9/1/16.
- Payable modifiers are AA, QK, QY, QX, QZ



# Nurse Midwives (NMWs)

- NMWs must enroll as a MassHealth provider to participate in MassHealth.
- A NMW is not eligible to be a PCC.
- A physician with a NMW in his or her employ may not bill for the NMW services with his/her MD provider number, anticipated on 9/1/16.
- The SB modifier will be deactivated, anticipated on 9/1/16.



# Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs)



- CNSs must enroll as a MassHealth provider to participate in MassHealth.
- A CNS is not eligible to be a PCC.

# Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists (PCNSs)



- PCNSs must enroll as a MassHealth provider to participate in MassHealth.
- A PCNS is not eligible to be a PCC.



# Nurse Practitioners (NPs)

- NPs may enroll as an independent clinical nurse practitioner or not enroll and act as a non-independent nurse practitioner. This is no change from the current MassHealth enrollment requirements.
- An independent NP is eligible to be a PCC.
- An independent NP receives a MassHealth provider number upon enrollment and bills directly for his or her services.
- A non-independent NP does not have a MassHealth provider number. Services provided by a non-independent NP are billed under a physician's provider number. The SA modifier is used at the end of the procedure code to indicate that the service was provided by an NP although the claim/rendering provider is the MD's provider number.
  - The SA modifier remains a payable modifier.



# Provider Enrollment Procedures

- MassHealth has revised the Medical Practitioner enrollment application (PE-MP) and checklist (PE-MP-CL) and the Group Practice Organization enrollment application (PE-GPO) and checklist (PE-GPO-CL) in preparation for the new Mid-Level provider implementation.
- New mid-level providers are encouraged to submit their enrollment applications prior to the anticipated effective date of 9/1/16. Any applications received prior to 9/1/16 will become effective on the anticipated effective date, currently expected to be 9/1/16.
- The new Medical Practitioner enrollment application (PE-MP) and checklist (PE-MP-CL) are available from the MassHealth Customer Service Center upon request by e-mail at [providersupport@mahealth.net](mailto:providersupport@mahealth.net) or by phone at 1-800-841-2900.



# Questions?