



Santa Clara
Family Health Plan
The Spirit of Care

To: SCFHP Provider
From: Jennifer Clements, Director of Provider Network Management
Date: July 1, 2016
Subject: **Medical Transportation Code Conversion**

Dear Provider:

The following updates to **medical transportation policy take effective July 1, 2016:**

- HCPCS Level III local medical transportation codes will be discontinued.
- HCPCS Level III local modifier Z1 will be discontinued.
- Medical transportation service claims will no longer allow modifier 99 to indicate multiple modifiers. Claims billed with the 99 modifier will be denied.
- Dry run transport codes and mileage codes will no longer be reimbursable for the same day, same recipient, and same provider, unless documentation states that billed mileage was for an actual medical transport at a different time on the same date of service.
- To bill for a dry run transport from an acute care hospital to a Nursing Facility (NF) Level A or B, providers must use A0130, A0426, A0428 or T2005 with modifier HN followed by modifier QN. No other modifiers or service lines may be billed on the claim. This service does not require a TAR.
- Previously approved TARs and SARs with medical transportation services that have dates of service beyond June 30, 2016, will no longer be valid. Providers should review their inventory for previously approved TARs and SARs with medical transportation services that have dates of service beyond June 30, 2016. For those TARs or SARs, providers must submit a new TAR, electronic TAR (eTAR) or SAR with the appropriate HCPCS code to cover any remaining service period after June 30, 2016.
- Modifiers DS or HN must be billed before modifier QN.
- HCPCS code A0380 (BLS mileage, [per mile] [use for wheelchair and litter van transports only]) will be used **only** for ground mileage (per statute mile) for litter-van and wheelchair transportation for non-emergency services.
- HCPCS code A0390 (ALS mileage [per mile]) will no longer be reimbursable.
- HCPCS code A0424 (extra ambulance attendant, ground [ALS or BLS] or air [fixed or rotary winged], [per hour]) may claim up to a maximum of ten hours per day. A0424 may be used to bill for either emergency or non-emergency services.

Note: The code description for A0424 may be condensed in the provider manual to reflect only the relative ground or air component.

- HCPCS code A0425 (ground mileage, per statute mile [use for ambulance transports only]) will be used for ambulance transportation mileage for **both** emergency and non-emergency services.
- HCPCS code A0433 (advanced life support, level 2 [ALS2]) will become a Medi-Cal benefit.
- HCPCS code A0434 (specialty care transport [SCT]) will become a Medi-Cal benefit.

To view the complete code conversion with instructions, visit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/mtr201606.asp?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Medi-Cal%20Update%20Bulletins&utm_content=mtr201606.

If you have any questions, please contact SCFHP Provider Services at **1-408-874-1788**.