

# Magellan Compliance Notebook – April, 2017

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) strives to be proactive and use education as a preventative tool to help ensure our members receive the highest quality of care through you, the provider. The Compliance Department at Magellan is committed to sending monthly e-mails to targeted providers regarding a Compliance-related subject.

*This e-mail communication is specific to your HealthChoices (Pennsylvania Medicaid) Contract with Magellan.*

This communication is directed to Individual or Group contracted Psychologists as well as Outpatient Clinics that conduct **Neuropsychological Testing** (Billing Code= 96118) and **Psychological Testing** (Billing Code= 96101).

Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing are unique services within the Medicaid HealthChoices continuum in that time spent in interpretation and report writing may be billable time. Per the state's covered services grid:

*Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, **both face to face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report.***

*Neuropsychological testing (eg, Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, **both face to face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report.***

Thus, unlike most other services, the time spent in interpretation and report writing may be billed as units that have been requested and pre-authorized by Magellan.

However, the documentation and billing requirements remain unchanged. Providers must have documentation (i.e. progress notes) to support the time spent rendering services on behalf of a Magellan member that correlate to the date services were provided and the units billed. Psychological Testing is contracted in per-hour units.

The following example outlines how the documentation and billing should occur:

- On 5/10/17, a psychologist administers a psychological test to a member face-to-face for 2 hours.
- On 5/12/17, the psychologist completes the face-to-face portion of the testing with the member for another 2 hours.
- On 5/16/17, the psychologist spends 2 hours interpreting and analyzing the test results.
- On 5/18/17, the psychologist spends 1 hour interpreting and analyzing the test results.
- On 5/19/17, the psychologist spends 3 hours writing the report.

The documentation within the medical record and corresponding claims submitted to Magellan for this example should appear as follows:

- For date of service 5/10/17, there should be a progress note supporting a face-to-face interview which includes the clock hours of the session (i.e. 2:00- 4:00 PM). A corresponding claim would be submitted to Magellan for 5/10/17 for 2 units.
- For date of service 5/12/17, there should be a progress note supporting a face-to-face interview which includes the clock hours of the session (i.e. 1:00- 3:00 PM). A corresponding claim would be submitted to Magellan for 5/12/17 for 2 units.
- For date of service 5/16/17, there should be a progress note supporting the time spent interpreting and analyzing the test results including the clock hours spent in this activity (i.e. 4:00- 6:00 PM). A corresponding claim would be submitted to Magellan for 5/16/17 for 2 units.
- For date of service 5/18/17, there should be a progress note supporting the time spent interpreting and analyzing the test results including the clock hours spent in this activity (i.e. 4:00- 5:00 PM). A corresponding claim would be submitted to Magellan for 5/18/17 for 1 unit.
- For date of service 5/19/17, there should be a progress note supporting the time spent writing the report including the clock hours spent in this activity (i.e. 1:30- 4:30 PM). A corresponding claim would be submitted to Magellan for 5/19/17 for 3 units.

**The rounding and bundling of units is not permitted.**

At Magellan, we will continue to educate our providers with updated MA Bulletins, Regulations and other pertinent information in order to ensure Compliance.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our members!

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