

August 31, 2010

**RE: Important Billing Changes for EPSDT Services – Effective October 1, 2010**

Dear Primary Care Provider (PCP),

Passport Health Plan (PHP) has historically required PCPs to submit an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Form to be reimbursed for these services. To ease your administrative burden and to improve this process, the EPSDT Screening Form will no longer be required effective October 1, 2010.

**Billing for EPSDT Services**

After October 1, 2010, all EPSDT services must be submitted as part of the standard electronic (837) or paper (CMS-1500) claims submission process, as described below:

1. **Continue to bill using the same codes** for comprehensive history and physical exam you use today:
  - 99381-99385 – New Patient Series
  - 99391-99395 – Established Patient Series
2. **Add an "EP" modifier to the physical exam code** when all components of the appropriate EPSDT screening interval have been completed and documented in the member's medical record. *As a reminder, do not bill lab or testing components individually if they were conducted as part of an EPSDT screening interval.*
3. **Confirm the following health evaluation services\*** by submitting the appropriate CPT Category II codes, according to the member's age, as outlined below:

Member Age:	CPT Category II Code:	Description:
Two (2) Years and Above	3008F	To confirm the <b>BMI has been performed and documented</b> in the member's medical record.
Nine (9) Years and Above	2014F	To confirm the <b>member's mental status has been assessed and documented</b> in the member's medical record.

*\*Please note, this requirement does not apply to EPSDT services rendered prior to October 1, 2010.*

**Failure to submit these codes as required will result in denial of the EPSDT payment.**

4. **Do not submit paper EPSDT Screening Forms (by mail or fax) after September 24, 2010.** Claims for EPSDT services must be temporarily held and then submitted on or after October 1, 2010, as described above.

All other components of the EPSDT program remain unaffected by this claims processing change, including eligibility status and the EPSDT Periodicity Schedule. PHP will continue to reimburse EPSDT screenings fee-for-service at a rate of \$85.06.

**EPSDT Services Requiring Resubmission**

After October 1, 2010, the EPSDT Screening Form will no longer be accepted by PHP for resubmissions, regardless of date of service. All EPSDT services requiring resubmission must be submitted to PHP via the new EPSDT billing process described under "Billing for EPSDT Services".

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### **Other Codes for Capturing Health Status Information**

We also encourage you to submit additional CPT Category II codes to describe and report other important health status information. Examples include:

- 1035F – Current Smokeless Tobacco User
- 1039F – Intermittent Asthma
- 1000F – Tobacco Use Assessed (CAD, CAP, COPD, PV, DM)
- 4004F – Patient Screened for Tobacco Use and Received Tobacco Cessation Counseling (if identified as a tobacco user)

The Plan accepts all valid CPT Category II codes. These codes are for informational purposes only and do not qualify for reimbursement. Codes will display as denied on the remittance advice with a description stating "non-covered services."

### **EPSDT Resources**

All providers are encouraged to review medical history and use the online ikaProHEDIS+ program on [www.passporthealthplan.com/provider/secure](http://www.passporthealthplan.com/provider/secure) to determine appropriate delivery of EPSDT services. This online application uses claims data to provide real-time preventive and chronic care screening information, including EPSDT screens due.

### **Questions?**

As always, thank you for your partnership in our mission to improve the health and quality of life of our members. For questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-4973.

Sincerely,



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