



Communication Release

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FY20-21 Claim Blackout Lifted

Dear Treatment Providers,

SAPC is excited to announce that the claiming blackout for fiscal year 2020-2021 has been lifted as of today, July 31, 2020. Providers can now begin submitting billing for 2020-2021 services. Although SAPC previously announced that the RSS Screening code (H0049) would not be ready when the blackout was lifted, we are happy to confirm that the RSS Screening code has been configured in the system and providers can bill for this service as necessary.

Although SAPC has lifted the claiming blackout, there are two areas that will require additional configuration to align with the 2020-2021 Rates and Standards Matrix. Details of these two items are below.

Group Formula

The Rates and Standards Matrix cites a change in configuration that will allow providers to claim different documentation times for each patient in a group setting on top of the base rate that was calculated by the group formula. ***This change is still in production*** and will not be completed when the blackout is lifted, therefore, the system will continue to calculate the group formula based on last fiscal year's configuration which is:

$$\text{rate} = \frac{[(\text{group service time} + \text{travel time by the counselor} + \text{documentation time}) \div (\text{\# of patients in the group})] \times \text{group minute rate}}{\text{rate per patient}}$$

- ❖ **Secondary Providers:** Please continue to use the group formula from last fiscal year as noted above until SAPC provides notification of when the group formula will be updated in Sage.
- ❖ **Primary Providers:** The 15-30-45 structure currently used for group billing in ProviderConnect will remain unchanged until the group formula configuration has been completed.

Documentation time cited in the group example shown on the Rates and Standards Matrix was corrected to align with the policy of max documentation time of 10 minutes per patient receiving group services.

ASAM 3.7 WM 4.0 WM Recovery Support Services and Case Management

The Rates and Standards Matrix cites Recovery Supports Services (RSS) and case management for all levels of care. SAPC is working with the State on the implementation of RSS and Case Management for ASAM 3.7 WM and 4 WM in order to appropriately bill Drug Medi-Cal following the established 837P and 837I processes. Due to these ongoing billing process clarifications, RSS and case management will not be configured in Sage for claiming once the blackout is lifted. SAPC will continue to work with the State and will work with providers offering these LOCs when more information is available on how this is to be configured.

Sage Help Desk

Should you experience any difficulty submitting claims or have questions regarding billing, please contact the Sage Help Desk at (855) 346-2392. Your notification will help us better monitor Sage and provide timely resolution.