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Montana Medicaid Notice

Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, RHCs, FQHCs, Public Health Clinics, Outpatient Hospitals

Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling

Montana Medicaid and ACS announced the coverage of two levels of smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling—intermediate and intensive—effective July 1, 2007. The coverage is available to all Medicaid clients who use tobacco. Patients must be competent and alert at the time services are provided. The qualified practitioner and the patient have flexibility to choose between intermediate or intensive cessation strategies for each session.

Coverage for up to three minutes of counseling is considered to be included in reimbursement for the standard evaluation and management (E&M) office visit. When billing for more than three minutes of smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling, use the following HCPCS codes:

- **G0375:** Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than three minutes up to ten minutes. Medicaid reimbursement is \$11.56 for services provided in a physician office. G0375 is reimbursed APC 31 in a hospital outpatient setting which is \$8.43 as of July 1, 2007.
- **G0376:** Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; greater than ten minutes. Medicaid reimbursement is \$22.08 for services provided in a physician office. G0376 is reimbursed APC 31 in a hospital outpatient setting which is \$8.43 as of July 1, 2007.

Practitioners who need to bill for E&M services on the same day as smoking cessation services are billed should use the appropriate HCPCS code in the 99201-99215 range and modifier 25 to show the E&M service is a separately identifiable service from a smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling service.

Hospitals billing for smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling services will use revenue center 942. Interim reimbursement for critical access and exempt hospitals will be at their hospital specific cost to charge ratio.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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