Dear Provider:

As you are likely aware, the American Medical Association (AMA) recently announced that there will be changes related to coding and billing for some behavioral health services beginning on January 1, 2019. Many permanent CPT codes used to bill for Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing will expire effective December 31, 2018.

If you are a Medicaid provider who is currently contracted to bill for Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing services using CPT codes expiring on December 31, 2018, you will be required to use the updated code sets to bill for any dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2019. Claims with DOS prior to January 1, 2019 may still be submitted with the 2018 code set. Information about the new codes can be found on the American Psychological Association’s website: apapracticecentral.org.

The 2019 Optum Idaho Medicaid Fee Schedule with the new codes is attached. The rates are based on the 2019 CMS National Rates published for these new codes.

In addition, the Fee Schedule was corrected to ensure all codes allowed to be billed for Telemental Health include the GT modifier. Additional instructions for Telemental Health billing are included at the bottom of the fee schedule to indicate the place of service 02 should be used in conjunction with the GT modifier when billing for Telemental Health services.

Please call your Regional Network Manager or email optum_idaho_network@optum.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,

The Optum Idaho Team