

Billing and Documenting STD Services

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Billing STD Assessment and Treatment Services in LHDs

Service Description

- Service refers specifically to the treatment of STD provided in LHDs.
- Service includes: medical history, diagnostic examinations for sexually transmitted diseases, laboratory tests as medically indicated, treatment as indicated and referral as appropriate.

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Provider Qualifications

- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Public Health Nurses who have completed the STD Enhanced Role RN (STD ERRN) training course

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Where Can I Provide STDs?

Place of Service is:

Health Department

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What Code(s) Do I Use?

- MDs, PAs and NPs bill using the Evaluation & Management Codes:
 - New 99201 - 99205 (Never before seen in health department for a clinical service or not in the last three years)
 - Established - 99211 – 99215 (Have a current record of clinical services in the health department with no break in service longer than three years.)

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What Code(s) Do I Use?

- MDs, PAs and NPs bill using the E&M codes: New 99201 - 99205 and Established - 99211 – 99215
- PH RNs who have Enhanced Role status bill using HCPCS procedure code T1002 = 15 minutes
 - A maximum of 4 units per day may be billed
- This code is billable when all of the service components are provided.
 - If due to delayed test results, the recipient must return for treatment, the 4 units may be split between 2 separate days.
 - If T1002 is billed on separate days, between the 2 days all service components must be provided.

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Remember...

Appropriately signed standing orders must be in place for an RN to provide services whether that RN is an STD ERRN billing for services rendered or an RN doing report only.

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What About Other Services Provided on the Same Date?

- T1002 cannot be billed with a preventive medicine, prenatal, or treatment code.
- If another health department provider sees the recipient on the same date of service for a separately identifiable medical condition, the health department may bill the appropriate E/M code.
- The diagnosis on the claim form must indicate the separately identifiable medical condition.

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What About Non-Enhanced Role RNs?

- Non STD Enhanced Role Nurses providing STD services use the non billable STD visit code LU242 for REPORTING services provided to the patient.

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How Do I Bill Labs?

- Bill laboratory codes for laboratory tests done on site.
- CPT Code 36415 = one venipuncture collection fee when the lab work is sent out to an outside lab regardless of the number of specimens drawn.
- CPT Code 99000 = handling, transfer and/or conveyance of specimen from LHD to another laboratory.

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How Do I Bill Labs?

- Medicaid does not reimburse for a 99000 but 3rd party payers do. Remember: if you bill this code you have to bill it to everyone including self-pay patients.
- Once you get a denial from Medicaid on the 99000, you do not have to keep billing the code to Medicaid.
- Put this process in your billing policies.

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Managing STD Services that Interface with Other Services

Refer to the June 2011 Memorandum from Dr. Joy Reed.

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Documentation

- When – document on the day service provided
- What – document the services you provided to the patient
- Where – Medical Record (SOAP Format, Standard Form, Progress Notes, Problem List, Medication Page, etc.)
- How – Hard (blue or black ink) or EMR. Provider name and credentials MUST be noted!
- Who – All staff who provided a service.
- Why – patient safety, agency safety, provider safety, for billing purposes, research and for quality improvement purposes.
- Authority - Laws requiring medical records and documentation of clinical services.

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Sources

- **STD Treatment Clinical Coverage Policy No: 1D-2 Provided in Health Departments Revised Date: September 15, 2012**
- **Billing and Coding Tip Sheet on the www.publichealthnursing.org**
- **PH Nursing and Professional Development Nursing Consultants**
- **Dr. Joy Reed's Memorandum dated June 22, 2011.**

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