

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Provider information



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Change in PCA billing requirements

Blue Plus contracts with Personal Care Assistance (PCA) providers as part of our Government Programs Specialty Network. Blue Plus and participating providers are required to abide by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) requirements.

Effective for dates of service August 1, 2013, and after, DHS is no longer accepting the U1 or UD procedure modifier when billing for PCA services. In compliance with DHS requirements, Blue Plus is following the billing guidelines as published in the DHS Minnesota Health Care Programs Manual Chapter 24 - PCA Services. Due to the DHS requirements, claims received for dates of service August 1, 2013, and after that include the U1 or UD procedure modifier will be denied. Below are valid PCA codes to use for claim submission.

PCA code or code/modifier combination	Code narrative	Procedure modifier instructions
T1019	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nurse assistant).	1:1 ratio (one assistant to one patient).
T1019-TT	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of care treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nursing assistant).	The –TT modifier is submitted to indicate personal care assistant PCPO services at a 1:2 ratio (one assistant to two patients).
T1019-HQ	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of care treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nursing assistant).	The –HQ modifier is submitted to indicate personal care assistant PCPO services at a 1:3 ratio (one assistant to three patients).
T1019-U6	Personal care services, per 15 minutes, not for an inpatient or resident of a hospital, nursing facility, ICF/MR or IMD, part of the individualized plan of care treatment (code may not be used to identify services provided by home health aide or certified nursing assistant).	The –U6 modifier is submitted to indicate the service is for a PCA temporary 45-day increase.
T1019-UA	Supervision of PCA services by a QP, per 15 minutes.	The –UA modifier is submitted to indicate the services are for supervision of a PCA.

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursement is subject to changes, updates or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (for example, HCPCS, CPT, ICD-9-CM), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

DHS website

Below is a link to the DHS website:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_137828

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.