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Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services Reminder



The Department of Public Welfare has determined that Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services are being underutilized. Therefore, the Department wants to remind providers that although Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) screening services include discussion of nutrition and determination of the child's Body Mass Index (BMI), additional childhood weight management-related services to complement EPSDT services may be needed to promote healthier lifestyles and better eating behaviors for eligible children.

Providers who have completed this initial assessment are reminded to bill using the appropriate assessment code as outlined in Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 99-07-19 titled "Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services for Recipients Under 21 Years of Age" and MA Bulletin 99-08-01 titled "Clarification of Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services for Recipients Under 21 Years of Age."

Failure to bill for the initial assessment will cause future re-assessment, nutritional counseling or intervention claims to deny.

All Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services, including the initial assessment or re-assessment, should include the appropriate diagnosis code.

Thank you for your service to our MA recipients. The Pennsylvania MA Program values your participation.

Please review MA Bulletins 99-07-19 and 99-08-01.

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PubsFormsReports/NewslettersBulletins/003673169.aspx>

You may also review the appropriate billing handbook for your provider type.

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