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ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

ALERT

November 3, 2022

TO: Hospital Providers, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Pharmacies, County Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Rural Health Clinics

RE: UPDATE - Billing for Stand-alone Vaccine Counseling to Recipients Under Age 21

Information in this Provider ALERT is in coordination with the ALERTs published April 13, 2022.

Effective May 11, 2022, Medicaid will cover the following procedure codes, G0312 and G0313, for standalone vaccine counseling as part of the EPSDT benefit for recipients under 21 years of age.

Stand-alone Vaccine Counseling Codes						
Procedure Code	Procedure Code Procedure Code Description					
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5 to 15 mins time.	\$13.00				
G0313	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 16-30 mins time.	\$13.00				

For dates of service prior to May 11, 2022, please refer to the ALERT "Billing for Vaccine Counseling to Recipients Under Age 21" dated April 13, 2022.

When is it appropriate to bill procedure code G0312 or G0313?

A provider should appropriately bill these codes when ONLY providing vaccine counseling to a recipient under age 21, and the recipient does NOT receive a vaccine on the day of service.

Can procedure codes G0312 and G0313 be billed in conjuncture with CPT 99401, 90460, or 90461?

No, procedure codes G0312 and G0313 CANNOT be billed in conjuncture with CPT 99401, 90460, or 90461.

Are modifiers required?

Modifiers are not required for procedure codes G0312 or G0313 with an office visit on the same day of service.

How should Pharmacy providers bill for these procedure codes?

Pharmacy providers must bill under their DME NPI, as these codes are not appliable under the NCPDP billing system.

Providers with billing questions may visit www.medicaid.alabama.gov or contact the Gainwell Technology Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-688-7989.

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RE: UPDATE - Billing for Stand-alone COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling for Recipients Under Age 21

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Effective May 11, 2022, through a time indicated by the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid), Medicaid will cover the following procedure codes for stand-alone COVID-19 vaccine counseling for recipients under 21 years of age:

Stand-alone Vaccine Counseling Codes						
Procedure Code Procedure Code Description R						
G0314	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 16-30 mins time.	\$31.70				
G0315	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 5-15 mins time.	\$31.70				

For dates of service prior to May 11, 2022, please refer to the ALERT "Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling for Recipients under Age 21" dated April 13, 2022.

When will the rate of \$31.70 end?

At such time Medicaid indicates through a subsequent Provider ALERT.

When is it appropriate to bill procedure code G0314 or G0315?

A provider should appropriately bill these codes when ONLY providing COVID-19 vaccine counseling to a recipient under age 21, and the recipient does NOT receive a COVID vaccine on the day of service.

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ALERT



October 18, 2022

TO: All Providers

RE: Physician Office Visit Limit Change for Recipients with Active Cancer Treatment

Effective **January 1, 2023**, Alabama Medicaid will increase the annual physician office visit maximum to 32 for Medicaid recipients receiving cancer treatment during the calendar year (January - December). This increase will be available for each calendar year in which the recipient is receiving cancer treatment and is applicable for all cancers.

To qualify for this increase in annual physician office visits,

- 1. The claim must include one of the following informational procedure codes to identify the treatment stage:
 - 3300F: American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) state documented and reviewed (ONC)
 - 3301F: Cancer stage documented in medical record as metastatic and reviewed (ONC)
 - . \$0353: Treatment planning and care coordination management for cancer initial treatment
 - S0354: Treatment planning and care coordination management for cancer established patient with a change in regimen

(Failure to provide one of the required informational procedure codes will cause the recipient to not be eligible for the 32 visits.)

2. A cancer diagnosis, within the current calendar year, must be in the recipient's claims history.

Additionally, medical documentation to support the diagnosis and treatment(s) must be maintained in the recipient's record and provided to the Agency, upon request, in the event of audit.

Providers with billing questions should contact the Gainwell Technologies Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-688-7989

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COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PROVIDERS

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary once again extended the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), effective July 15. The PHE remains in effect for 90 days unless

the secretary determines the PHE no longer exists. With this latest action, the 6.2 percentage-point increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will likely remain in effect until at least December 31, 2022. HHS has indicated it will provide states 60 days' notice prior to terminating the PHE.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency provided a COVID-19 PHE update for Medicaid providers and partners on September 15, 2022. Agency representatives shared how the Agency is preparing for the end of the PHE and for the return to normal operations. To view a recording of this meeting, please visit:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/7.0 Providers/7.11 COVID-19 Vaccine Providers.aspx.

MESSAGING FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS - PREPARING FOR THE COVID-19 PHE UNWINDING

Medicaid providers can assist the Agency with relaying consistent messaging to the Medicaid recipients in your newsletters, social media posts, and other means of communication. Please download the PHE Unwinding Toolkit for details:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/7.0_Providers/7.11_COVID-19 Information For Providers/7.11 PHE Unwinding Toolkit 7-12-22.pdf.

Source:https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/2.0_Newsroom/2.3_Publications/2.3.4_Insider_Archive/2.3.4_22_October.pdf

ACHN Southwest Region Quality Measure Incentive Report



ACHN Quality Measure Incentive Report Year 2 Payout (08/30/2022)

	ACHN Quality Measure Incentive Report Year 2 Payout (08/30/2022)									
#	Measure Abbreviation	Measure Description	Possible Points	State-Wide Baseline	Southwest Baseline	Final Rate Target (5-year goal) (AKA Benchmark)	Annual Improvement Target - 2021	Rate (Annual) 2021	Met / Did Not Meet	Points Earned
1	ABA-AD	Adult Body Mass Index Assessment	10	28.4%	22.0%	76.4%	43.8%	90.6%	Met	10
2	AMM-AD	Antidepressant Medication Management	10	30.1%	26.7%	37.1%	30.9%	24.5%	Did Not Meet	0
3	AMR-AD	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 19–64	5	57.6%	57.4%	58.8%	58.0%	72.3%	Met	5
4	AMR-CH	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 5–18	5	79.9%	70.9%	74.4%	72.3%	82.7%	Met	5
5	CAP-CH1	Children and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Practitioners 12-24 months	2.5	93.8%	95.3%	96.9%	95.9%	86.0%	Did Not Meet	0
6	CAP-CH2	Children and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Practitioners 25-mos - 6-years	2.5	86.1%	85.2%	89.8%	87.0%	77.9%	Did Not Meet	0
7	CAP-CH3	Children and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Practitioners 7-years to 11-years	2.5	88.9%	88.3%	93.4%	90.3%	81.7%	Did Not Meet	0
8	CAP-CH4	Children and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Practitioners 12-years to 19-years	2.5	86.5%	87.0%	91.9%	89.0%	81.2%	Did Not Meet	0
9	CCS-AD	Cervical Cancer Screening	10	39.5%	41.6%	48.0%	44.2%	49.3%	Met	10
10	IET-ADT 1	IET ADT - Initiation And Engagement Of Alcohol And Other Drug Abuse Or Dependence Treatment	5	38.8%	38.4%	41.0%	39.4%	38.0%	Did Not Meet	0
11	IET-ADT 2	IET ADT - Initiation And Engagement Of Alcohol And Other Drug Abuse Or Dependence Treatment	5	4.4%	3.7%	10.3%	6.3%	7.1%	Met	5
12	LBW-CH*	Live Births Weighing Less Than 2,500 Grams*	10	9.5%	10.4%	8.6%	9.7%	12.3%	Did Not Meet	0
13	PPC-CH	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care	10	58.7%	70.9%	79.2%	74.2%	80.2%	Met	10
14	W15-CH	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life	10	57.8%	53.1%	61.8%	56.6%	47.3%	Did Not Meet	0
15	WCC-CH	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents	10	8.2%	5.8%	61.0%	27.9%	94.3%	Met	10
			100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		7	55

^{*} Lower Rate is better

Source: Alabama Medicaid

Quality Bonus Payments for Primary Care Providers

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS (PCP)

Quality Bonus Payments

- Between October 2019

 –July 2021, all practice groups automatically received a Quality Bonus
 Payment that was based solely on the number of attributed patients
- Beginning October 2021, the Group must achieve annual Bonus benchmarks determined by the Medicaid Agency
- Benchmarks are statewide, updated annually, and will be posted to the Agency's website

Cost Effectiveness Bonus Payments

Please see MARA Scoring section for detailed information regarding the Cost Effectiveness Bonus Payment calculations. An ACHN Provider Cost Effectiveness Bonus Explanation and FAQ is available on the Alabama Medicaid website under the ACHN Providers section.

Between October 2019—October 2020, ACHN participating PCP groups will receive a Cost Effectiveness Bonus Payment based on the number of Medicaid recipients attributed to the PCP group for the prior quarterly period. Beginning January 2021, PCP Groups will be eligible for a Bonus payment if the PCP group meets or exceeds the Cost Effectiveness criteria. The Agency uses a MARA Scoring system for calculating the Cost Effectiveness Bonus.

The Cost Effectiveness calculation includes a PMPM calculation for the ACHN population. The Cost Effectiveness calculation excludes the most recent three (3) months of data, hospital access payments, entity case management costs, other Bonus Payments in the waiver, and drug rebates.

Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition Bonus Payments

Please see <u>PCMH</u> section for detailed information regarding the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition Bonus Payments.

Calculations for the PCMH Recognition Bonus Payments are based on attributed members. The eligible and actively participating provider must establish his or her PCHM status with Medicaid in order to receive this Bonus payment.

Active Participation VS. Bump Rates

Procedure	Procedure Description	BUMP Rate	ACHN Participation Rate	Amount Increase
99201	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT NEW	\$40.04	\$42.00	\$1.96
99202	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT NEW	\$69.27	\$73.00	\$3.73
99203	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT NEW	\$100.52	\$107.00	\$6.48
99204	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT NEW	\$155.25	\$166.00	\$10.75
99205	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT NEW	\$194.18	\$210.00	\$15.82
99211	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	\$18.46	\$19.00	\$0.54
99212	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	\$40.36	\$41.00	\$0.64
99213	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	\$68.17	\$72.00	\$3.83
99214	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	\$100.91	\$108.00	\$7.09
99215	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	\$135.59	\$146.00	\$10.41
99241	OFFICE CONSULTATION	\$45.45	\$46.00	\$0.55
99242	OFFICE CONSULTATION	\$85.87	\$88.00	\$2.13
99243	OFFICE CONSULTATION	\$117.58	\$122.00	\$4.42
99244	OFFICE CONSULTATION	\$175.38	\$184.00	\$8.62
99245	OFFICE CONSULTATION	\$214.62	\$226.00	\$11.38

ACHN Provider Quality Measures



- AMM-AD: Antidepressant Medication Management (2021)
- CHL-AD: Chlamydia Screening in Women Ages 21 to 24 (2021)
- CIS-CH: Childhood Immunization Status (2021)
- FUA-AD: Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence (2021)
- HA1C-AD: Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1C (HBA1C) Testing (2019)
- IMA-CH: Immunizations for Adolescents (2021)
- WCV-CH: Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (2021) [Replaces AWC-CH & W34-CH]

Source: https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/5.0_Managed_Care/5.1_ACHN/5.1.5_ACHN_Quality_Measures.aspx

Quality Measure & Cost Effectiveness Scorecards for Primary Care Providers



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PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS (PCP)

Quality Measure and Cost Effectiveness Scorecards

Accessing your scorecards

Scorecards can be accessed on the Agency's Provider Web Portal:

www.medicaid.alabamaservices.org/ALPortal

1. To access the login panel, click Account, click Secure Site, and then log into your account.

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2. Click on Trade Files tab and then Download



3. Select the report from the Transaction Type dropdown menu



Quality Measure Scorecard



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PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS (PCP)

Quality Measure Scorecard (MGD-S362-Q & MGD-M362-Q Reports)

The Provider Profiler Quality Measure Scorecard Report (MGD-S362-Q) is the summary level report that illustrates your current scoring.

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Provider Profiler Supplemental Member Summary File



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PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS (PCP)

The Provider Profiler Supplemental Member Summary File (MGD-M362-Q) is a report that shows how each individual EI affects your score.

Cost Effectiveness Scorecard



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PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS (PCP)

Cost Effectiveness Scorecard

The Provider Profiler Cost Effectiveness Scorecard Report (MGD-S364-Q) is the summary level report that illustrates your current scoring.

Provider Profiler Supplemental Member Summary File Cost Effectiveness Report



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PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS (PCP)

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000000000001	xx/xx/xxxx	0	0	0	960	64	59	1.083	12	91
000000000000	XX/XX/XXXX	4.341	1.5	0	457	1,017	386	6,218	12	51
00000000003	XX/XX/XXXX	0	372	0	2,818	1,428	810	5,429	12	45
000000000004	XX/XX/XXXX	0	459	0	115	838	975	2,389	12	19
00000000005	XX/XX/XXXX	0	737	0	8,080	2,212	950	11.981	12	99
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00000000017	XX/XX/XXXX	0	0	0	266	192	121	581	12	4
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The Question??



"Why treat people and send them back to the conditions that made them sick in the first place?"

Sir Michael Marmot

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Social Determinants of Health



https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health

Coding – Social Determinants of Health



CODING FOR SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

MARA risk score/Cost Effectiveness

- Milliman Advanced Risk Adjusters (MARA) software
- Risk adjustment software to calculate individual risk of each ACHN eligible patient
- Evaluates what someone should cost given clinical and social issues
- Top 40 diagnosis codes on each claim for an individual are in the input file in MARA software
- "Can't know what it's not told"
- Scores could be impacted by optimizing appropriate coding, maximizing preventative care and utilizing ACHN care coordination resources
 - Concurrent Risk Scores provide a singular, standardized, expected risk score given the past year's claim experience and are used for Provider's Cost Effectiveness Calculations
 - Prospective Risk Scores -predict future risk given the past year's claims experience and are used by an ACHN for Care Coordination

CODING FOR SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

- Ensures payers know the "whole story"
 - document how the identified SDOH may impact the diagnosis or treatment, but to also code for it using the many ICD-10 codes available
 - Utilize secondary ICD-10 Z codes to explain the increased complexity
- When to Code SDOH
 - EPSDT screens
 - ADHD evaluations
 - Include with Mental Health Evaluations and Follow-Up
 - Relevant to current chief complaint/primary diagnosis

SDOH: ICD-10 Z Codes



EXAMPLES: ICD-10 Z CODES FOR SDOH

- Z62.810 Personal history of physical and sexual abuse in childhood
- Z59.5 Extreme poverty
- Z59.6 Low income
- Z55.0 Illiteracy and low-level literacy
- Z55.3 Underachievement in school
- Z63.4 Disappearance and death of family member
- Z63.5 Disruption of family by separation and divorce
- Z62.21 Child in welfare custody
- Z62.29 Other upbringing away from parents
- Z62.22 Institutional upbringing

- Z59.4 Lack of adequate food
- 59.0 Lack of housing (homeless)
- Z59.1 Inadequate housing
- Z59.8 Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances
- Z63.72 Alcoholism and drug addiction in family
- Z71.42 Counseling for family member of alcoholic
- Z71.51 Drug abuse counseling and surveillance of drug abuser
- Z71.52 Counseling for family member of drug abuser

Using Z Codes for SDOH



USING Z CODES:

The Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)
Data Journey to Better Outcomes



SDOH-related Z codes ranging from Z55-Z65 are the ICD-10-CM encounter reason codes used to document SDOH data (e.g., housing, food insecurity, transportation, etc.).

SDOH are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, and age.











Step 1 Collect

Any member of a person's care team can collect SDOH data during any encounter.

- Includes providers, social workers, community health workers, case managers, patient navigators, and nurses.
- Can be collected at intake through health risk assessments, screening tools, person-provider interaction, and individual self-reporting.

Step 2 Document

Data are recorded in a person's paper or electronic health record (EHR).

- SDOH data may be documented in the problem or diagnosis list, patient or client history, or provider notes.
- Care teams may collect more detailed SDOH data than current Z codes allow. These data should be retained.
- Efforts are ongoing to close Z code gaps and standardize SDOH data.

Step 3 Map SDOH Data to Z Codes

Assistance is available from the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting.¹

- Coding, billing, and EHR systems help coders assign standardized codes (e.g., Z codes).
- Coders can assign SDOH Z codes based on self-reported data and/or information documented in an individual's health care record by any member of the care team.²

Step 4 Use SDOH Z Code Data

Data analysis can help improve quality, care coordination, and experience of care.

- Identify individuals' social risk factors and unmet needs.
- Inform health care and services, follow-up, and discharge planning.
- Trigger referrals to social services that meet individuals' needs.
- Track referrals between providers and social service organizations.

Step 5 Report SDOH Z Code Data Findings

SDOH data can be added to key

reports for executive leadership and Boards of Directors to inform value-based care opportunities.

- Findings can be shared with social service organizations, providers, health plans, and consumer/patient advisory boards to identify unmet needs.
- A Disparities Impact Statement can be used to identify opportunities for advancing health equity.



USING SDOH Z CODES

Can Enhance Your Quality Improvement Initiatives



Health Care Administrators

Understand how SDOH data can be gathered and tracked using Z codes.

- · Select an SDOH screening tool.
- · Identify workflows that minimize staff burden.
- · Provide training to support data collection.
- · Invest in EHRs that facilitate data collection and coding.
- · Decide what Z code data to use and monitor.

Develop a plan to use SDOH Z code data to:

- · Enhance patient care.
- · Improve care coordination and referrals.
- · Support quality measurement.
- Identify community/population needs.
- Support planning and implementation of social needs interventions.
- Monitor SDOH intervention effectiveness.



Health Care Team

Use a SDOH screening tool.

- Follow best practices for collecting SDOH data in a sensitive and HIPAA-compliant manner.
- Consistently document standardized SDOH data in the EHR.
- Refer individuals to social service organizations and appropriate support services through local, state, and national resources.

Z code

- Z55 Problems related to education and literacy
- **Z56 -** Problems related to employment and unemployment
- **Z57 -** Occupational exposure to risk factors
- **Z58** Problems related to physical environment
- **Z59 Problems related to housing and**economic circumstances



Coding Professionals

Follow the ICD-10-CM coding guidelines.3

- Use the CDC National Center for Health Statistics ICD-10-CM Browser tool to search for ICD-10-CM codes and information on code usage.⁴
- Coding team managers should review codes for consistency and quality.
- Assign all relevant SDOH Z codes to support quality improvement initiatives.
- **Z60** Problems related to social environment
- **Z62** Problems related to upbringing
- **Z63** Other problems related to primary support group, including family circumstances
- Z64 Problems related to certain psychosocial circumstances
- Z65 Problems related to other psychosocial circumstances

This list is subject to revisions and additions to improve alignment with SDOH data elements.

SDOH: Screening Tools



SCREENING TOOLS FOR SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Three screening tools can aid physicians in addressing multiple social determinants of health in a primary care setting.

Screening tool	Number of questions	Source
The Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE)	15 core, 5 supplemental	http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/ prapare/toolkit/
The American Academy of Family Physicians Social Needs Screening Tool	11 (short form) 15 (long form)	Short: https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/patient_care/everyone_project/patient-short-print.pdf Long: https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/patient_care/everyone_project/patient-long-print.pdf
The Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs (AHC-HRSN) Screening Tool	10 core, 13 supplemental	https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/ worksheets/ahcm-screeningtool.pdf

The AHC-HRSN tool draws on evidence from several need-specific assessments, below, which can provide valuable background.

SDOH Resources



- IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS (ahrq.gov)
- The EveryONE Project | AAFP
- The PRAPARE Screening Tool PRAPARE
- A Practical Approach to Screening for Social Determinants of Health | AAFP
- Guide to social needs screening (aafp.org)

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