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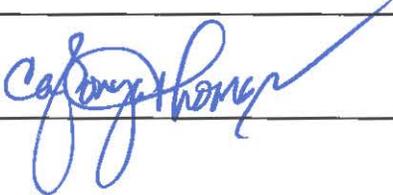
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**Date:** October 13, 2016

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**To:** All Department of Behavioral Health Mental Health Staff and Contract Agencies

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**Subject:** New Mental Health Procedure Codes

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**Introduction** This Information Notice serves as notice to DBH staff and its contract agencies regarding the development of new procedure codes for the following types of services:

- Adult Residential Services and
- Medication Visits rendered by non-physician, non-Medicare eligible providers.

**Adult Residential Services**

Adult Residential Treatment Services are 24-hour a day, seven (7) days a week rehabilitative services provided in a non-institutional residential setting for beneficiaries who would be at risk of hospitalization or other institutional placement if they were not in the residential treatment program. The service includes a range of activities and services that support beneficiaries in their efforts to restore, maintain and apply interpersonal and independent living skills, and to access community support systems. These are bundled services with activities that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assessment;
- Plan development;
- Therapy;
- Rehabilitation; and
- Collateral.

The new procedure codes for these service are as follows:

- 165 is for non-billable Adult Residential Services
- 166 is for billable Adult Residential Services

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### Medication Visit Services

Medication Visit Services are medication support services rendered by a non-physician, non-Medicare reimbursable provider, such as a psychiatric technician, registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse. The services are within the scope of practice of the rendering provider and may include, but are limited to the following:

- Injections;
- Drug Administration;
- Instruction in the use of the medication;
- Risks and benefits of medication;
- Alternatives for medication; and
- Collateral and plan development related to the delivery of the service and/or assessment of the beneficiary.

The new procedure codes for these service are as follows:

- 384 is for non-billable Medication Visit Services
- 385 is for billable Medication Visit Services

These codes are only available for use by the following DBH approved disciplines:

- Mental Health Registered Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Licensed Psychiatric Technician

**Note:** Physicians shall use the appropriate Evaluation and Management code for medication support services as the aforementioned codes are intended for non-physicians only.

### Medication Education Groups

Please be advised the procedure codes for Medication Education groups is not currently available as these codes are intended for Medicare authorized providers such as Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, which are not currently DBH approved disciplines for the Mental Health Plan.

### Updated Forms

Due to these additional procedure codes, DBH updated the [Universal Charge Data Invoice](#). Additionally, some codes have been renamed to clarify use of the code, such as Evaluation and Management. Please refer to the [DBH Scope of Practice and Billing Guide](#) for further information.

The [Mode of Service](#) Codes was also updated; therefore, when completing Change Requests, please use the most up-to-date form.

Contract agencies may request an updated copy of the updated Mental Health Direct Services Crosswalk from DBH Compliance.

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**Questions**

For questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact the Quality Management Division at 909-386-8227. If you have difficulty entering these codes, please contact DBH Information Technology at 909-884-4884 or submit a helpdesk ticket.

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