

Outpatient Changes Effective April 1

Last month's APS outpatient newsletter covered changes scheduled for April 1. The changes cited below have been approved and will definitely begin for authorizations submitted April 1.

PAs in effect prior to April 1 will continue as approved until it is time for the next extension/update. At that point, providers will use the new processes below when preparing the consumer's extension request.

Effective April 1, instead of requesting a specific service with a specific frequency, providers will request a "procedure group" based upon the consumer's level of care as determined by the CAR or ASI/T-ASI and review type.

The specific CPT and HCPCS service code that falls under the procedure group will be billed. A dollar cap will be associated with each procedure group and that particular cap cannot be exceeded for the billing month.

APS will approve the specific procedure group for the number of months requested by the provider. Authorization periods remain unchanged at one to six months for OPBH and one to three months for Insure Oklahoma.

The PA will upload to MMIS in individual months with the monthly dollar limit. For example,

APS will approve procedural code PG0002, Level I, for six months, starting May 1 through October 31. The PA in MMIS will then show as May 1-31 with the monthly cap; June 1-30 with the monthly cap; July 1-31 with the monthly cap, etc. Hopefully, this method of display will make it easier for providers to stay within the monthly dollar limits.

Unused dollars will not roll over from one month to the next.

There will no longer be a separate case management PA as case management now falls under a procedure group. The provider will request the PA under the main provider site number. If the provider requests only case management, the PA request will be made under their CM provider ID number.

Some unit-based services will remain, including Insure Oklahoma, individual psychologists, and PACT services; those will still be requested as procedural groups.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **www.SoonerPro.com** is the APS informational Web site for Oklahoma behavioral health providers. Visit regularly and keep informed. No consumer PHI (personal health information) should ever be placed on this site.
- ◆ **Subscribe** to the SoonerPro Community Bulletin Board to receive e-mails, updates, training announcements and other important information from APS.

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With the procedural group system, there may also be a reduction in the number of modifications and corrections needed. This will be a definite time saver and benefit for providers.

New “Review Types” will be added to the review types field on APS Care-Connection®, with the new types appearing on the list before the old types. For example, instead of using outpatient mental health, the review type will appear as “mental health op.”

Level of care will remain a required field; RVUs will no longer be a consideration.

APS CareConnection® users will be able to access the codes and groups via the online system as of April 1.

Please note that if you continue to fax requests to APS, those requests will be returned after April 1 if they are not done on the correct forms.

There will also be form changes for those providers who continue to fax requests.

There will be a new request page, formerly the RVU page, for outpatient requests for prior authorization, PACT request forms will be revised, “Admit to Outpatient” request form will be up-

dated, and the Insure Oklahoma and psychologist request forms will also be revised.

All new forms and the list of final procedural groups will be posted on the SoonerPro site at **www.SoonerPro.com** before the end of March.

If there are additional updates or changes to this information, we will notify you through the SoonerPro Community Bulletin Board.

If you haven’t already done so, please subscribe to the Community Bulletin Board to receive e-mail updates and other important information from APS.

**NEW CODE
LEVEL
PREVENTION AND
RECOVERY
MAINTENANCE
IS A NEW CODE
USED WHEN THE
CONSUMER DOES
NOT MEET LEVEL I
CRITERIA. ALL
CAR DOMAINS
WILL STILL NEED
TO BE COMPLETED
FOR THESE
REQUESTS.**

Reminder for EDI Users

Please do not upload modifications or corrections. Those requests should be faxed to APS at 800-762-1639. Keep your transmittal sheets in the event your request does not fax properly.

Do not upload a new record for an important notice response. In order to expedite the approval process, it is imperative that you clearly indicate in the current section or the interpretive summary that

you are responding to an important notice.



Crossings Behavioral Health Symposium ~ April 10, 2009

“Eating Disorders in Today’s Culture”
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It's All in How You Say It!

With all the serious information regarding the upcoming April 1 changes, Debbie Spaeth at OHCA has provided some funny material from the Journal of Polymorphous Perversity, written by Corey D. Fox, Ph.D., that will brighten your day. Here are some excerpts from an article titled, "A Grammatical Overview of Medical Records: The Write Stuff." The quotes appear verbatim from the medical records of a general hospital in a large metropolitan area.

"Patient experiences difficulty swallowing tires easily."

"Patient was struck by an auto while she was walking across the street at approximately 45 miles per hour."

"Patient has been married twice but denies any other serious illness."

"Patient is separated from his wife and he also is allergic to penicillin."

"Patient has no children, and she doesn't smoke or drink, either."

"History: Patient was shot in head with .32 caliber rifle. Chief complaint: headache."

"Patient referred to hospital for repair of hernia by a social service worker."

Dictated: "Patient had a Pap smear today." Transcribed: "Patient had a Pabst beer today."

"Patient complains of worsening acne and itching rash as well as nasal congestion of his trunk."



Robert W. Mitchell, ACSW, wrote an article titled, "The Write Stuff II: A Grammatical Overview of Social Service Recipients' Correspondence," featuring quotes taken verbatim from letters written to a large metropolitan social services department. Here are some examples:

"Please find out for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am living with can't eat or do anything until he knows."

"Unless I get my husband's money pretty soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life."

"You have changed my little boy to a little girl. Will this make any difference?"

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

"I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?"

"I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I had seven but one died which was baptized on a half sheet of paper."

"In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a boy weighing 10 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."



From "Hospital Privileges for Psychologists With the Write Stuff: Medical Records Revisited" by Jeri J. Goldman, Ph.D., comes the

following excerpts:

"There are other significant problems in the family that lend credence to Larry's opinions."

"The patient has a limited extension span."

"Harry was well manured throughout this activity."

"Tim becomes confussed in spelling."

"She is pregnant now and the doctor wonders what may develop."

"The patient is diagnosed as having an involuntional melancholia in acute exasperation."

"The patient has a passive-offensive personality, antisocial type."

"The patient knows something is wrong with him but does not know how to cope with his affirmity."

"When she was young she felt that everyone stared at her because of her lack of clothes."



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Welcome Spring!

It's **spring** fever. You don't quite know what it is you DO want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so.

Mark Twain

DID YOU KNOW?

- COCA-COLA WAS INVENTED MARCH 29, 1886.
- MARCH IS NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH.
- MARCH 31 IS "TATER DAY."
- FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PA ISSUES, CALL APS AT 800-762-1560.
- FOR ASSISTANCE WITH BILLING ISSUES, CALL OHCA AT 800-522-0114.
- FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INSURE OKLAHOMA, CALL 800-530-3002.



Upcoming Training

APRIL 17

FAMILY MATTERS CONFERENCE
 SPRINGLAKE METROTECH
 OKLAHOMA CITY
WWW.OFRC.ORG

APRIL 22

OHCA SPRING WORKSHOP
 AUTRY VO TECH - ENID

APRIL 29

OHCA SPRING WORKSHOP
 PONTOTOC VO TECH
 ADA

MAY 6

(REPEATED MAY 7)
OHCA SPRING WORKSHOP
 OSU CONFERENCE CENTER - TULSA

MAY 6-8

16TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE, "THE ART OF CREATING RESILIENCE"
 EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
 2501 CONFERENCE DRIVE, NORMAN, OK
WWW.ODMHSAS.ORG

MAY 15

MENTAL HEALTH, ETHICS AND THE LAW: CONSIDERATIONS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE PROVIDERS
 CONTACT THE OKLAHOMA FORENSIC CENTER
 PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT 918-713-5596.

MAY 16

NAMI OKLAHOMA WALK
 STARS AND STRIPES PARK
 OKLAHOMA CITY
WWW.NAMI.ORG/NAMIWALKS/OK

MAY 19

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