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To: Community Living Assistance and Support Services Case Management Agencies
Community Living Assistance and Support Services Direct Services Agencies
Financial Management Services Agencies

Subject: Information Letter 13-74
Revision of Service Codes and Bill Codes for Specialized Therapies and Consumer Directed Services Habilitation

The purpose of this information letter is to inform Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Case Management Agencies (CMAs), Direct Services Agencies (DSAs) and Financial Management Services Agencies (FMSAs) that the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has established new service codes for:

- each of the six services that constitute specialized therapies; and
- habilitation when provided through the consumer directed services (CDS) option.

The new service codes will be effective **February 1, 2014**. Currently, the six services that comprise specialized therapies are assigned service code 42. CDS habilitation uses service code 27A.

Effective February 1, 2014, providers must use the following service codes:

- 42A – Massage Therapy
- 42B – Recreation Therapy
- 42C – Music Therapy
- 42D – Aquatic Therapy
- 42E – Hippotherapy
- 42F – Therapeutic Horseback Riding
- 10V – CDS Habilitation

DADS has revised the following forms and instructions to reflect the new service codes. The revised versions will be available December 12, 2013, on the DADS website at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/classpm/forms/index.asp>.

- Form 3621-R, Individual Plan of Care (IPC)
- Form 3621-T-R, IPC Service Delivery Transfer Worksheet
- Form 3595-R, IPP Quarterly Service Review

CMAAs and DSAs must use the revised IPC (Form 3621-R) for all enrollment and renewal IPCs with a signature date on or after February 1, 2014. CMAAs and DSAs must use the current IPC (Form 3621) for all IPC revisions, except when adding the agency option Employment Assistance (SVC 54) or CDS Supported Employment (SVC 37V), until the IPC is renewed. If a revision IPC does not include the agency option Employment Assistance (SVC 54) or CDS Supported Employment (SVC 37V), CMAAs and DSAs must use the current IPC (Form 3621).

If DADS authorizes CDS habilitation (new service code 10V) on Form 3621-R, IPC, a financial management services agency must submit billing for the CDS habilitation using separate billing codes as described in [Information Letter 13-53](#) dated August 30, 2013.

If hippotherapy is being added to the IPC on Form 3621-R, the number of units should only indicate the total number of hippotherapy sessions that will be provided to the individual. Units will no longer be authorized under the Physical Therapy (PT) service code (SVC 8) or Occupational Therapy (OT) service code (SVC 7). The cost of hippotherapy should be the total number of sessions multiplied by the rate for OT or PT plus the total number of sessions multiplied by the rate for the certified riding instructor.

For example, if 52 sessions of hippotherapy are added to the IPC and will be provided by the PT, then 52 units are multiplied by the PT rate (\$77.43) to equal \$4,026.36. In addition, 52 units are multiplied by the certified riding instructor rate determined by the certified riding instructor (e.g., \$65.00) to equal \$3,380.00. This combined cost of \$7,406.36 is reflected as the “Est. Annual Cost” under the service code for hippotherapy (42E), but are billed under separate bill codes (e.g., G0494- Hippotherapy-Certified Riding Instructor and G0496-Hippotherapy-PT).

The bill codes associated with the new service codes for specialized therapies are below and are included on the long-term care bill code crosswalk at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/hipaa/billcodes/index.html#ltc>.

Service Code	Bill Code	Description
42A	G0490	Massage Therapy
42B	G0491	Recreational Therapy
42C	G0492	Music Therapy
42D	G0493	Aquatic Therapy
42E	G0494	Hippotherapy- Certified Riding Instructor
42E	G0495	Hippotherapy by OT
42E	G0496	Hippotherapy by PT
42F	G0498	Therapeutic Horseback Riding

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Please send CDS questions to the Consumer Directed Services mailbox at cds@dads.state.tx.us.
For questions about CLASS policy, please contact the CLASS mailbox at class@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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