



## Communication Release

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Dear Treatment Providers,

SAPC is in the final stages of validating the Sage configuration to align with the 2020-2021 Rates and Standards Matrix. The claiming blackout is still currently in place until this validation has been completed. It is anticipated that SAPC is on track to have the blackout lifted by August 1, 2020, however, please continue to hold off on billing for 2020-2021 claims until SAPC has communicated the blackout has been lifted.

Although SAPC is on track to lift the blackout by August 1<sup>st</sup>, there are three areas of the configuration that will require additional configuration after the blackout is lifted in order to align with the 2020-2021 Rates and Standards Matrix. Details of these three items are below.

### **Group Formula**

The Rates and Standards Matrix cites a change in configuration that will allow providers to claim different documentation times for each patient in a group setting on top of the base rate that was calculated by the group formula. ***This change is still in production*** and will not be completed when the blackout is lifted, therefore, the system will continue to calculate the group formula based on last fiscal year's configuration which is:

$$[(\text{group service time} + \text{travel time by the counselor} + \text{documentation time}) \div (\text{\# of patients in the group})] \times \text{group minute rate} = \text{rate per patient}$$

- ❖ **Secondary Providers:** Please continue to use the group formula from last fiscal year as noted above until SAPC provides notification of when the group formula will be updated in Sage.
- ❖ **Primary Providers:** The 15-30-45 structure currently used for group billing in ProviderConnect will remain unchanged until the group formula configuration has been completed.

Documentation time cited in the group example shown on the Rates and Standards Matrix was corrected to align with the policy of max documentation time of 10 minutes per patient receiving group services.

### **Screening - Recovery Support Services**

During the configuration process of this fiscal year's rates in the Sage system, Screening (HCPCS H0049) was not implemented under Recovery Support Services. It is anticipated that this configuration will be completed within one month after the blackout has been lifted. SAPC will announce to providers when screening for RSS is completed.

### **ASAM 3.7 WM 4.0 WM Recovery Support Services and Case Management**

The Rates and Standards Matrix cites Recovery Supports Services (RSS) and case management for all levels of care. SAPC is working with the State on the implementation of RSS and Case Management for ASAM 3.7 WM and 4 WM in order to appropriately bill Drug Medi-Cal following the established 837P and 837I processes. Due to these ongoing configuration changes, RSS and case management will not be ready for claiming once the blackout is lifted. SAPC will continue to work with the State and will work with providers offering these LOCs when more information is available on how this is to be configured.