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To: Local Educational Agencies

Subject: **ELIMINATION OF CURRENT PROCEDURAL TERMINOLOGY CODES 97001, 97002, 97003 AND 97004; AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR NEW REPLACEMENT CPT CODES 97163, 97164, 97167 AND 97168**

This Policy and Procedure Letter notifies Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) participating in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (BOP) that current procedural terminology (CPT) codes 97001, 97002, 97003 and 97004, used to bill initial/triennial, annual, and amended physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) assessments, will be eliminated and replaced with four new evaluation codes.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018, the LEA BOP will eliminate CPT codes 97001, 97002, 97003 and 97004 and implement four new replacement CPT codes for PT and OT assessments: 97163, 97164, 97167 and 97168. For dates of service before July 1, 2018, LEAs should continue to bill CPT codes 97001, 97002, 97003 and 97004 for PT and OT assessment services. The four new replacement CPT codes will be billed as follows:

<b><u>New</u></b> Procedure Code and Modifier (effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018)	<b><u>Old</u></b> Procedure Code and Modifier (effective for dates of service prior to July 1, 2018)	Service and Assessment Type
<b>97163</b>	97001	Initial or triennial PT assessment
<b>97164</b>	97002	Amended PT assessment
<b>97163 - 52</b>	97001 - 52	Annual PT assessment
<b>97167</b>	97003	Initial or triennial OT assessment
<b>97168</b>	97004	Amended OT assessment
<b>97167 - 52</b>	97003 - 52	Annual OT assessment

Since the four new CPT codes will only be replacing the old CPT codes, interim rates and any modifiers designating intensity of service or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act status will remain unchanged. The LEA BOP Provider Manual will be updated to reflect these new CPT codes.

If you have questions, please contact Rick Record, LEA Program Unit Manager, at (916) 552-9222 or [Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Rick.Record@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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