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## Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) 3352-18-02

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**TO:** All Hospital Providers  
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

**FROM:** Barbara R. Sears, Director

**SUBJECT:** Hospital Billing Guidelines – January 2018 Update

### Summary

This Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) provides information pertaining to updates to the Office of Benefits Hospital Billing Guidelines. These updates apply to dates of discharge and dates of service on or after August 1, 2017. New language is indicated by underlined font throughout the Hospital Billing Guidelines.

The Hospital Billing Guidelines can be accessed through the Ohio Department of Medicaid website:

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/> > Resources > Publications > ODM Guidance > Provider Billing Instructions > ODM Hospital Billing Guidelines.

### New Changes for 01/01/2018 Version

- A web link to KEPRO's prior authorization webpage was added. (Refer to Section 2.5.2)
- For utilization review, in the instance where the inpatient setting was not medically necessary, the hospital may bill Medicaid on an outpatient basis for those medically necessary services rendered on the date of admission in accordance with OAC rule 5160-2-75. The OAC rule reference was updated from 5160-2-21 as that rule is now obsolete. (Refer to Section 2.5.4)
- Language was added and deleted to clarify guidance regarding billing for abortions. (Refer to Section 2.6.1)
- Coverage of long active reversible contraceptives was updated to reflect the 2018 CPT/HCPCS updates. (Refer to Sections 2.16.2 and 2.16.3)
- OAC rule references were updated for transfer and partial eligibility calculations. (Refer to Section 2.17)
- The list of exclusions for when Medicaid consumers are required to pay a co-payment was deleted. Please refer to OAC rule 5160-1-09(C) for the current list of exclusions. (Refer to Section 3.2)
- For hospitals subject to EAPG reimbursement, type of bill 135 is no longer permitted. (Refer to Sections 3.3 and Appendix A)
- Language was added to provide clarification regarding revenue center codes 25X and 636. (Refer to Section 3.3.1)
- Language was added to provide clarification regarding billing for vaccines. (Refer to Section 3.3.2)
- The effective date for managed care carve-in for outpatient behavioral health services was delayed until 7/1/2018. (Refer to Section 3.5.2)

- The table of EAPG modifiers that affect reimbursement was updated to reflect the modifiers used in production. (Refer to Section 3.9.1)
- Language was added and deleted to clarify guidance regarding modifier JW. (Refer to Section 3.9.5)
- Language was added to provide guidance regarding use of modifier SE. (refer to Section 3.9.6)
- Example EAPG remittance advices, formerly located in Appendix L, are now in Appendix K, as former Appendix K (Services that Require Prior Authorization) was deleted. The list of services that require prior authorization is posted on the ODM website. (Refer to Section 2.5.2)
- Revenue center codes 697 and 698 were removed from the list of covered/non-covered revenue center codes because they are not active revenue center codes. (Refer to Appendix I)

### **Access to Rules and Related Material**

Stakeholders who want to receive notification when ODM original or final files a rule package may visit JCARR's RuleWatch at <https://www.rulewatchohio.gov/> where an account can be created to be notified of rule actions by rule number or department.

Stakeholders can subscribe to receive notification when a clearance or BIA is posted for public comment on the Ohio Business Gateway here: <http://business.ohio.gov/reform/enotify/subscription.aspx>

The main web page of the ODM includes links to valuable information about its services and programs; the address is <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/>.

To access ODM Fee Schedule and Rates, go to <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/> > Providers > Fee Schedule and Rates > Click "I Agree":

- For the EAPG Covered Codes List, select "Outpatient Hospital Services."
- For the Provider-Administered Pharmaceuticals fee schedule, select "Provider-Administered Pharmaceuticals."

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