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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Providers

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RE: Home Health Procedure Code Changes

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

The purpose of this bulletin is to offer information regarding home health G-code changes.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a final rule to establish new G-codes to differentiate levels of nursing provided during a home health episode of care. The following G-codes are effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2016:

- Services provided by a registered nurse (RN) shall be coded as G0299; and
- Services provided by a licensed practical nurse (LPN) shall be coded as G0300.

The new CMS established G-codes replace HCPCS code G0154 for “direct skilled nursing services of a licensed nurse (RN or LPN) in the home health or hospice setting”.

Please Note: Telligen continues to prior authorize home health services. All authorizations for home health services on or after January 1, 2016, must include the new G codes. To reach Telligen, call 855-638-7949.

To read the CMS update identifying these changes, please go to the following link:
<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM9369.pdf>

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