

# Bulletin

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Minnesota Department of Human Services ■ 444 Lafayette Rd. ■ St. Paul, MN 55155

**OF INTEREST TO**

- County Directors
- Fiscal Supervisors and Staff
- Social Services Supervisors and Staff
- Tribal Social Services Directors and Staff

**ACTION**

Please review bulletin and follow procedures effective after February 29, 2008

**EXPIRATION DATE**

February 7, 2010

## SSIS and MMIS end payment of CW-TCM claims

**TOPIC**

Implementation of the federal case management regulations (Medicaid Program; Optional State Plan Case Management Services) issued December 4, 2007, pertaining to Child Welfare Targeted Case Management (CW-TCM).

**PURPOSE**

Inform counties and tribes how the claiming systems will handle the federal regulation stating that child welfare targeted case management in its current form no longer qualifies for federal financial participation effective March 3, 2008.

**CONTACTS**

For SSIS application questions:  
Counties, have your designated contact call the SSIS Help Line (651) 431-4801  
[ssishelp@state.mn.us](mailto:ssishelp@state.mn.us)

For MMIS, MN-ITS questions:  
MMIS Provider Help Desk  
(651) 431-2700; 1-800-366-5411

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## **BACKGROUND**

The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, issued an interim final rule concerning the Medicaid Program; Optional State Plan Case Management Services on December 4, 2007. This interim final rule implements the changes made by the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 concerning case management and targeted case management services. It is effective March 3, 2008.

The rule is available for review at the following link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-5903.pdf>

One clear aspect of the regulation is that child welfare targeted case management (CW-TCM) will no longer qualify for federal financial participation (FFP) effective March 3, 2008.

## **IMPLEMENTATION BY MMIS AND SSIS**

Absent any relevant changes to the rule or its effective date, the state will not submit claims for FFP for CW-TCM services provided after February 29, 2008. This date was chosen rather than March 3 because significant programming changes to both MMIS and SSIS would be required to allow claims for March 1 and 2, which are weekend days.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is asking all parties – counties, tribes and contracted providers – to maintain their structure for CW-TCM data collection in the event that Congress delays the effective date of the rule or CMS changes the regulation to allow FFP to support these activities retroactively. Counties are already required to enter child welfare case management data in SSIS by other regulations and statutes and state policy.

Tribes are asked to continue to submit claims for CW-TCM services through MN-ITS. Although the claims will be denied, this will allow tribes to retain adequate information for the reasons outlined above.

## **SSIS-SPECIFIC CHANGES**

In the Version 5.0 release (planned for mid-February), SSIS will add an effective end date of February 29, 2008 to the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and modifiers for CW-TCM services:

- T2023 U3 CW-TCM, face-to-face
- T2023 U3 U4 CW-TCM, telephone

Counties will still be able to choose BRASS service codes and activities associated with CW-TCM on the SSIS Contact/Activity screen for services provided after February 29, 2008 but no HCPCS codes will be associated with those services.

SSIS will retain the current CW-TCM Supplemental Eligibility information and also continue to allow staff to enter CW-TCM initial eligibility and annual reviews if counties so desire.

Time records entered after February 29, 2008 on the SSIS Contact/Activity screen for services provided on or before February 29, 2008 will continue to be submitted to MMIS for reimbursement up to one year from the date of service. The appropriate edits in SSIS will still be applied and counties are expected to maintain the usual backup documentation.

### **MMIS-SPECIFIC CHANGES**

Effective with service date March 1, 2008, claims for CW-TCM (T1017 U3, T2023 U3, T2023 U3 U4) submitted to MMIS will be denied with Claim Adjustment Reason Code 96 and Remark Code M51. Services provided on or before February 29, 2008 may be submitted up to one year from the date of service.

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

- Counties must inform their contracted providers of the changes in federal regulation and FFP and request that the providers maintain their structure for CW-TCM data collection in the event of a change to the rule or effective date of the rule.
- Continue to maintain structure for CW-TCM data collection in the event that Congress delays the effective date of the rule or CMS changes the regulation to allow FFP to support these activities retroactively.
- Enter and maintain child welfare case management data in SSIS as required by other regulations and statutes and state policy.
- Tribes are encouraged to submit their data through MN-ITS as they currently do.

### **LEGAL REFERENCE**

Federal Register/Vol.72, No. 232/ Tuesday, December 4, 2007/ Medicaid Program; Optional State Plan Case Management Services, Interim final rule with comment period, pages 68077-68093

Section 6052 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 [PL 109-171 (S1932)]

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