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This communication provides updated information about the APA Practice Organization's (APAPO) ongoing intensive efforts to address the issues that arose last year regarding the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) directive for use of the new CPT testing codes. In February, APAPO submitted a request to the CPT Editorial Panel to add some clarifying language to the CPT codes for psychological and neuropsychological testing. We worked with CPT staff, CPT Panel members, and staff from CMS to craft language that would explain when more two or more codes for testing could be billed together and which services are captured under each code. Because of confidentiality agreements required by CPT, we regret that we cannot share with you the exact language but we can say that the CPT Panel was very receptive to our proposal and that we expect to see our suggested revisions published in October in *CPT 2008*.

In addition to working with the CPT Panel, the APAPO and the Testing Code Workgroup (comprising representatives from APA's Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology), the National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Society for Personality Assessment) are continuing to impress upon CMS staff the importance of revising their current policy document (CMS Change Request 5204) and its accompanying MedLearn Matters article. Specifically, we are asking CMS to verify that the codes for testing by a psychologist (CPT 96101 and 96118) can and should also be billed when the psychologist is preparing a report that integrates the test results with all of the patient's clinical data. Since CMS staff was integrally involved in our presentation to the CPT Panel, we are hopeful that the understanding reached at the CPT meeting about the use of the codes will result in CMS revising the Change Request language that led many regional Medicare carriers to implement the current restrictions.

Ensuring that these codes are used correctly and that psychologists are properly reimbursed for their testing services remains a top priority in the APAPO. We will continue to share with you any new information about developments affecting the codes as soon as it becomes available.

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