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Re: Consultation Codes

Dear SummaCare Provider:

This letter is to provide notification that SummaCare will no longer reimburse consultation codes for Medicare and Commercial members. This change is occurring due to Medicare reimbursement changes. For consistency purposes SummaCare is applying this modification across all product lines. Providers should discontinue billing consultation codes 99241-99245 and 99251-99255 and should instead use 99201-99215 and 99304-99306 in lieu of a consultation code.

For inpatient services the AI modifier should be used to distinguish the admitting physician of record who oversees the patient's care from other physicians who may be furnishing specialty care.

If a consultation code is billed for services received on or after January 1, 2010 the provider will receive a denial with the explanation "Service is not eligible for reimbursement – Do not bill patient".

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Support Services at 800-996-8401 or via email contactproviderservices@summacare.com.

Thank you,

Provider Support Services