



# Mississippi Medicaid Bulletin

## Program and Policy Information

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### Reimbursement for Site-of-Service Differential

Effective September 1, 1996, Medicaid will reimburse a site-of-service differential for the same procedure codes as Medicare with the exception of procedure codes that are not reimbursable in the Medicaid program. These procedure codes which are not reimbursable by Medicaid are:

15780	21086	92576
15781	21087	92577
15782	21088	92582
15783	21089	93205
15786	54235	93221
15787	59200	93721
21079	92065	95056
21080	92315	95065
21081	92316	95075
21082	92317	95834
21083	92565	G0020
21084	92571	G0021
21085	92575	

Effective September 1, 1996, Medicaid will reimburse a site-of-service differential for the same procedure codes as Medicare.

A site-of-service differential is also being added for occupational therapy, code H5300.

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System modifications have been implemented to deny incorrect billing of procedure codes for automated, multichannel laboratory tests.

### Automated, Multichannel Laboratory Tests

When one or more of the automated, multichannel laboratory tests are performed on the same day, the appropriate automated, multichannel test procedure code (80002-80019) must be billed. System modifications have been implemented to deny incorrect billing of these procedure codes.

### Physician's Responsibilities for Home Health Services

All services provided by a Home Health Agency must be ordered by a physician. The ordering physician is responsible for verifying that all services provided by the Home Health Agency are medically necessary. Also, the physician must keep adequate records in his office that contain the following:

1. Copy of initial certification (This may be initiated upon discharge from a hospital, etc., and actually completed by another physician.)
2. Copy of all re-certifications
3. Copy of any change in orders
4. Documentation of all examinations and evaluations which clearly indicate the medical necessity for ordering home health services and for re-certifying the need for continuation of those services.

\* This information will be included in an addendum to the Physician Manual in the future.

### Medicaid Drug Federal Upper Limit Changes

Effective August 1, 1996, the following drug product should be deleted from the Medicaid Federal Upper Limits Listing (MAC):

Generic Name

Triple Sulfa (sulfabenzamide; sulfacetamide; sulfathiazole)  
3.7%; 2.86%; 3.42%, Cream, Vaginal 82.5 gm

Triple Sulfa should be deleted from the Medicaid Federal Upper Limits Listing (MAC), as of August 1, 1996.



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### Restricted Use of Adolescent Counseling Code

Adolescent counseling, code W9010, is considered part of the EPSDT screening program. This code is restricted to use by EPSDT providers.

### Reimbursement for a Surgical Tray

System modifications have been made to allow payment of a surgical tray, procedure code A4550, along with the same surgical procedures allowed by Medicare.

When billing for a surgical tray, procedure code A4550, it is imperative that the surgical procedure be billed on the claim form BEFORE the surgical tray is billed. Failure to do so may result in an inappropriate denial of payment.

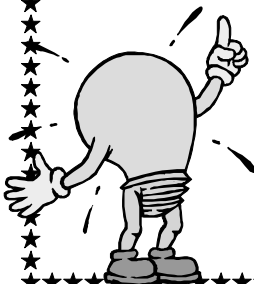
### Injectable Codes



All injectable codes which begin with a "W" are closed effective September 1, 1996. These injectables must be billed using the appropriate HCPCS "J" codes.

### Billing Tips

- When filing a Plan of Care for an infant, please check to see if the infant has a Medicaid number. If the infant does have a number, you should use this number and not the mother's number with a K.



- For faster results on the HCFA-1500s, please make sure that the recipient's Medicaid number is located on the bottom of all consent forms.

**Inappropriate billing may result in denial of payment.**

**Checkwrite Schedule**

September 02, 1996  
September 09, 1996  
September 16, 1996  
September 23, 1996  
September 30, 1996

Checkwrites and Remittance Advices are dated every Monday. However, funds are not transferred until the following Thursday and Remittance Advices usually arrive the following Friday.

**ESC Cut-Off Schedule**

September 05, 1996  
September 12, 1996  
September 19, 1996  
September 26, 1996  
October 03, 1996

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