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Subject: Diabetes Education Program: Fee Schedule Update and Coding Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2005, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will:

- Replace the procedure codes currently used to bill for diabetes education;
- Adopt updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) 2005 for Relative Value Unit (RVUs); and
- Begin allowing 30-minute increment billing for diabetes education providers.

Update

MAA is currently developing *Diabetes Education Program Billing Instructions*. [Use this memo for billing requirements and information on reimbursement rates until the Billing Instructions are published and available.](#)

Maximum Allowable Fees

Effective September 1, 2005, MAA will adopt the 2005 RVUs from the MPFSDB for the newly adopted diabetes education procedure codes in order to ensure a consistent payment methodology among medical programs. The vendor rate increase (VRI) appropriated by the 2005 Washington Legislature is incorporated into these fees. The maximum allowable fees are set to reflect the changes above.



Note: Providers may now bill for diabetes education in 30-minute increments for both individual and group education (see below).

Coding Changes

MAA is replacing the Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes currently used to bill for diabetes education services.

For dates of service on and after September 1, 2005, MAA is discontinuing the following procedure codes: S9445, S9460, and S9465.

Fee Schedule for Diabetes Education Services

Use the following standardized HCPCS codes to describe the services provided. Please note that the units for these codes are in 30-minute increments.

Procedure Code	Brief Description	September 1, 2005 Maximum Allowable Fee
G0108	Diab manage trn per indiv, per session One unit = 30 minutes	\$19.30 per 30 minutes
G0109	Diab manage trn ind/group One unit = 30 minutes	\$11.36 per 30 minutes



Note: You must provide a minimum of 30 minutes of diabetes education/management per billed unit.

- For calendar year 2005, both groups of the following codes count toward the maximum allowable units. The maximum allowable units are 6 hours of diabetes education, per client, per calendar year:
 - ✓ S9445, S9460, and S9465 (January 1, 2005 – August 31, 2005); and
 - ✓ G0108 and G0109 (September 1, 2005- December 31, 2005).
- MAA reimburses a maximum of **six (6) hours of patient education/diabetes management per client per calendar year.**
- You may bill procedure codes as a single unit, in multiple units, and/or in combinations for a maximum of six (6) hours (12 units). You may use any combination of the codes to meet the individual needs of the client.
- You may provide diabetes education in a group or individual setting, or a combination of both, depending on the client's needs.



Note: MAA does not reimburse for diabetes education if those services are an expected part of another program provided to the client (e.g. school-based health services or adult day health services).

Provider Qualifications/Requirements

- All physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs), clinics, hospitals, and Federally Qualified Health Centers are eligible to apply to be a diabetes education provider. The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) at the Department of Health (DOH) developed the application criteria and will evaluate all applications for this program.

- For more information on becoming a diabetes education provider contact:

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
Department of Health
PO Box 47855
111 Israel Rd SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
(360) 236-3617

- ✓ Or download the diabetes education provider application at:

“http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/WSC/Model_Info/Community_Resources/Medicaid_Reimbursement_Application.pdf”

- Once DOH gives its approval, an MAA billing provider number will be assigned. Use this billing provider number on all diabetes education claims billed to MAA.

Billing and Reimbursement Requirements

- In order to participate in the diabetes education program, a licensed primary health care provider must refer the client.
- In order to receive reimbursement for diabetes education, the provider must:
 - ✓ Bill either HCPCS code G0108 or G0109 using the HCFA-1500 claim form;
 - ✓ Bill using the main clinic provider number (group) along with the individual practitioner’s provider identification number (PIN) in box 33 on the HCFA-1500 claim form. MAA will only reimburse for diabetes education that is billed by a clinic. MAA does not reimburse for diabetes education provided by individual instructors using their provider identification number alone.

MAA's Provider Issuances

To view and download MAA's numbered memoranda and billing instructions electronically, visit MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (select the *Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda* link).

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