

**7/16/2020**

**Attention: Important Code Changes for Skilled Nursing Providers**

Dear Provider,

This is to notify you of an update to the billing policy for certain Medi-Cal skilled nursing services in a home or hospice setting.

**Effective 9/1/2020, code G0154 will be terminated.** This code will be replaced with **G0299** and **G0300**. The three codes will be considered interchangeable when matching claims to authorizations, and will only be allowed once per diem per day.

- **G0154** – Direct skilled nursing services of a licensed nurse (LPN or RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes
- **G0299** – Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting
- **G0300** – Direct skilled nursing of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting

When billing for these services, please remember the following helpful tips:

- Bill using the same code that is on the authorization
- For dates of service on or after 9/1/2020, bill with G0299 or G0300, even if G0154 is the authorized code
- For EPSDT claims, please append modifier EP to G0299 and G0300
- AIDS Waiver must be billed to Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal.

If you have any questions, please contact the claims department at **(650) 616-2056** or [ClaimsInquiries@hpsm.org](mailto:ClaimsInquiries@hpsm.org). Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Best Regards,

Health Plan of San Mateo