Washington State Health Care Authority Medicaid

Provider Notice 13-116

Dear Provider,

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2014, the Medicaid Program of the Health Care Authority (agency) will offer a new category of service called Habilitative Services.

Habilitative services are medically necessary services that help a client partially or fully attain or maintain developmental age-appropriate skills that were not fully acquired due to a congenital, genetic, or early-acquired health condition. Such services are required to maximize the client's ability to function in his or her environment. The creation of Habilitative Services will affect billing for services in the following areas:

- Neurodevelopmental Centers
- Outpatient Hospital Services
- Physician-Related Services/Healthcare Professional Services (Includes Audiology)
- Home Health Services
- Outpatient Rehabilitation, Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment, and Supplies
- Prosthetic/Orthotic Devices and Supplies
- Complex Rehabilitative Services

Please read the habilitative services Medicaid provider guide and the provider guides listed above to understand how they interact with each other.

For more details, see the Habilitative Services Medicaid Provider Guide.

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