



**Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) No. 654**

DATE: January 1, 2021  
TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers  
Chief Executive Officers, Medicaid Managed Care Plans  
Other Interested Parties  
FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director  
SUBJECT: ***Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II updates***

The purpose of this Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) is to announce that the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is releasing updates to its 2021 payment schedule to reflect 2021 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II updates, effective January 1, 2021.

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) may add procedure codes, discontinue procedure codes, and modify the descriptions of existing procedure codes. A schedule (list) of these added, discontinued, or modified codes and corresponding payment amounts is posted on the ODM website:

<https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov> > PROVIDERS > Fee Schedule and Rates > (I Agree) > CPT and HCPCS Level II Procedure Code Changes

Each annual schedule serves as a supplement to Ohio Medicaid payment information published as Appendix DD to rule 5160-1-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

The following changes for 2021 are of particular significance:

- CPT code 99201 (office/outpatient visit, new) has been discontinued. Providers should report another appropriate code for this type of office visit.
- ODM has adopted both CPT code 99417 and HCPCS code G2112 (prolonged office or other outpatient service by clinical staff, each 15 minutes of total time). Coding guidance can be found on the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/12120-pfs-final-rule.pdf>.
- Starting January 1, 2021, ODM will pay the same amount as Medicare for COVID-19 diagnostic tests related to the current public health emergency.

**Additional Information**

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>

Questions pertaining to this MAL may be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid:

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