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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Psychologists, Behavioral Health, Area Education Agency, Infant and Toddler, Lead Investigation Agency Providers and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP) that offer Mental Health Services

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Changes to Mental Health Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2013

The American Medical Association (AMA) issued significant changes to mental health CPT codes impacting both payers and providers for dates of service on and after January 1, 2013. The changes are required by federal law as part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Providers must bill using the new codes on all claims submitted for these services for dates of service on and after January 1, 2013. Please refer to the attached crosswalk document from the American Psychiatric Association for details of the code changes.

The IME will use the January 1, 2013, Medicare Part B physician fee schedule (for Iowa) as the basis for establishing the Medicaid fees for these codes. Since the Medicare Part B fee schedule is still subject to further change, the IME will continue to monitor the Medicare Part B fee schedule for any final changes for these new codes and will make updates accordingly to the Medicaid fee schedule. The 2013 Medicaid fee schedules will be available in January 2013 at: http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Reports_Publications/FeeSchedule.html.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.