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TO: Iowa Medicaid Dental Providers

APPLIES TO: Dental

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Interpretive Services

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME covers interpretation services for situations where such a service is needed. Dental providers were previously instructed to use procedure code T1013. Effective immediately dental providers should bill translation and interpretation services with procedure code D9999 and a specified diagnosis for language services. This change is being made in order to standardize billing and to help reduce claims processing issues.

ICD-9 Coding: (Prior to dates of service on or before September 30, 2015)

Use procedure code D9999 and diagnosis code V68.89 for interpretation services. Procedure code D9999 and diagnosis code V68.81 are to be used for telephone translation services up to the units that are specified.

ICD-10 Coding: (For dates of service on or after October 1, 2015)

Use procedure code D9999 and diagnosis code Z02.89 for interpretation services. Procedure code D9999 and diagnosis code Z04.9 are to be used for telephone interpretation services up to the units that are specified.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609, or by email at IMEproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.