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Effects of Recent Changes in Changes to
the CPT System and National Health Care
Legislation on the Practice of
Neuropsychology

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Practice Directorate (PD)**
- ❑ **American Medical Association (AMA) CPT Staff**
- ❑ **National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)**
- ❑ **Division of Clinical Neuropsychology of APA (40)**
- ❑ **Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Medical Policy Staff- Medicare**
- ❑ **National Academies of Practice (NAP)**

(presented in chronological order of engagement of support for the work outlined)

- **AMA:** Marie Mindenman, Tracy Gordy, Peter Hollman
- **APA:** **Randy Phelps**, Norman Anderson, Diane Pedulla, Katherine Nordal (APA Testing & Psychotherapy Groups)
- **NAN:** PAIC Former and Present Committee
- **NAP:** Marie DiCowden
- **National Psychologist:** Paula Hartman-Stein
- **Other:** ***James Georgoulakis, Neil Pliskin, Pat DeLeon***

(highly instrumental in recent CPT activities)

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- APA Ethics Code (2002)
- HIPAA and other federal regulations
- State or Province License Regulations
- Contractual Agreements with Third Parties
- Professional Standards (e.g., Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests, 1999; in revision)

- Psychiatric/Mental Health Codes
- PQRS
- Revision of Other Codes
- Potential Emerging Codes

- Issues of Valuing Codes

- Revised Psychiatric Interviewing Codes
- Revised Psychotherapy Codes
- New Interactive Complexity Codes
- New Crisis Intervention Codes

- Revaluing of Psychiatric Codes

- If Medicare is Involved
- Penalties if Not Performed by 01.01.14
- Applications for:
 - Dementia Evaluations
 - Depression
- Suggestions for:
 - Completing
 - Documenting
 - Billing

- Health & Behavior
 - Revaluing Only?
 - Editorial and Revaluing?
- Other
 - Prolonged Psychotherapy
 - Prevention
 - Telehealth
 - TBD

- Testing
 - Interpretation
- Applied Behavior Analyses
 - Application
 - Relationship to Psychologists
- Integrated Care
 - Existing
 - Needed

- Washington Post article
 - www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/how-a-secretive-panel-uses-data-that-distorts-doctors-pay/2013/07/20/ee134e3a-eda8-11e2-9008-61e94a7ea20d_story_4.html
- Problems with Surveying
 - Estimate vs. Actual Time
 - Applications of Survey Data to Practice
- AMA Response
 - www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/news/2013/2013-07-22-washington-post-ruc-fact-sheet.page

Bill:

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:H.R.4872:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:H.R.4872)

Timetable:

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Content/Publications/Other/2010/Timeline-for-Health-Care-Reform-Implementation.aspx#2010>

(also, www.healthcare.gov)

psychology

- Federal
 - Challenges by Republican Party to defund
- State
 - www.ncsl.org
 - Fast changing
 - Pattern appear some variation of federal
 - For all practical purposes, extension of state Medicaid

- Recent Neuropsych Listserv Survey
 - Approximately 40% of Medicaid programs cover 96118
 - Several variations of theme (e.g., # of total hours billed)
 - As of 07.30.13, approximately 2/3rds of states have responded via volunteers on listserv

Activity	Current	Future
Reimbursement Base	Service	Outcome
Reimbursement Direction	Singular	Bundled
Location of Service	Inpatient	Outpatient (e.g., home)
Provider Approach	Silo	Integrated
Numbers	Volume	Limited (& targeted)
Patient Approach	Standardized	Personalized
Foundation of Service	Experience based	Empirically based
Location of Patient	Independent <small>psychologycoding.com</small>	Health Care Home

- **Negative News**

- **Decrease in Reimbursement (about 2%)**
- **Transparency & Accountability (negative?)**

- **Positive News**

- **Transparency & Accountability**
- **Much Wider Scope of Practice**
- **Larger Number of Patients**
- **Newer Paradigms (telehealth; team & coordinated care)**
- **Increase in Professionalism**
- **Mainstream Integrated Health Care (Vs. Silo/Isolated)**

- Continuous, Significant and Faced Paced Changes (the most in my 30 years doing CPT)
- Greater Opportunity (over 30 million new patients in less than six months)
- Less Income (for traditional paradigms)

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