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To: American Sign Language Contractors
Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Discontinued State-Unique Procedure Codes for American Sign Language Interpreter Services

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2003, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will discontinue all state-unique procedure codes previously used for billing American Sign Language Interpreter Services. **Replacement procedure codes are listed in this memorandum.** Only DSHS/MAA American Sign Language Contractors can bill for these interpreter services.

Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standardized set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing all state-unique procedure codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable CPT™ and HCPCS procedure codes.

Discontinued State-Unique Codes

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after October 1, 2003, the following state-unique codes are discontinued. Use the following HCPCS codes to bill for American Sign Language Interpreter Services:

Discontinued State-Unique Code	Replacement HCPCS Code	Brief Description
0997M	T1013	Sign language interpretive services, per 15 minutes [1 hour minimum]
0998M	S0215	Transportation; mileage, per mile [Mileage incurred must be in conjunction with a sign language interpreter service encounter. Back-up documentation (such as map quest) must be submitted with bill to verify mileage.]

To obtain MAA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).