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|  AETNA BETTER HEALTH® OF FLORIDA 261 N. University Drive Plantation, FL 33324 www.AetnaBetterHealth.com/Florida | Date: | April 30th, 2021 |
| | Purpose: | Provider Bulletin: Educate providers on proper coding for tobacco use prevention and cessation |
| | Subject: | Tobacco Cessation Billing Update |
| | Products: | MMA, LTC, FHK |
| | From: | <u>Provider Relations</u> |

Dear Provider,

Aetna Better Health of Florida (ABHFL) would like to remind you of the billing and coding guidelines for CPT codes 99406 and 99407. These two codes are used to report counseling, by a physician or non-physician practitioner, for smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling.

| Code | Description |
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| 99406 | Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes |
| 99407 | Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 10 minutes |

OBs and Midwives billing 99406/99407

- These codes are for actual counseling, not just screening for tobacco use
- The claims must include a diagnosis from the charts below
- Modifier 25 should be appended to the E/M code to indicate separate services

PCPs billing 99406/99407

- Routine office visit with counseling – Modifier 25 should be appended to the E/M code to indicate separate services
- Preventative visit with counseling – 99406 and 99407 are not payable. Counseling is considered part of the preventative visit.
 - Note: Providers may bill a preventative visit and an E/M visit together using Modifier 25 on the E/M code if there is a specific problem/issue that they addressed during the preventative visit, however, the counseling is not payable.

Diagnosis Codes allowed for 99406/99407:

When billing for these services providers must use an ICD-10 F17 code or a Z code. The F codes are used if the patient is dependent on tobacco. The Z codes are used if there is not dependence on tobacco. The Z codes cannot be combined with an F17 code.

Aetna Better Health of Florida also reimburses for tobacco cessation counseling provided to pregnant women. The codes specific to maternal and newborn health (O99) and the toxic effects of tobacco (T65) are used by medical providers to reflect the biological impact of tobacco use.

Please see below a list of Dx codes appropriate when billing CPT code 99406 or 99407.

F CODES

| ICD-10 Diagnosis Code | Description: All with Nicotine Dependence |
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| F17.200* | Product unspecified, uncomplicated |
| F17.201* | Product unspecified, in remission |
| F17.203 | Product unspecified, with withdrawal |
| F17.208 | Product unspecified, with other nicotine-induced disorders |
| F17.209 | Product unspecified, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders |
| F17.210* | Cigarettes, uncomplicated |
| F17.211* | Cigarettes, in remission |
| F17.213 | Cigarettes, with withdrawal |
| F17.218 | Cigarettes, with other nicotine-induced disorders |
| F17.219 | Cigarettes, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders |
| F17.220* | Chewing tobacco, uncomplicated |
| F17.221* | Chewing tobacco, in remission |
| F17.223 | Chewing tobacco, with withdrawal |
| F17.228 | Chewing tobacco, with other nicotine-induced disorders |
| F17.229 | Chewing tobacco, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders |

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| F17.290* | Other tobacco product, uncomplicated |
| F17.291* | Other tobacco product, in remission |
| F17.293 | Other tobacco product, with withdrawal |
| F17.298 | Other tobacco product, with other nicotine-induced disorders |
| F17.299 | Other tobacco product, with unspecified nicotine-induced disorders |

Z CODES

| ICD-10 Diagnosis Code | Description: All with Nicotine Dependence |
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| Z57.31 | Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be used with Z77.22 exposure to environmental smoke |
| Z77.22 | Contact with and suspected exposure to environmental smoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be used with a F17.2 tobacco dependence or Z72 tobacco use code. |
| Z71.6 | Counseling and Medicaid Advice – tobacco abuse counseling |
| Z72.0 | Problems Related to Lifestyle and tobacco use not otherwise specified |
| Z87.891 | Personal history of nicotine dependence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be used with F17.2 current nicotine dependence code. |
| Z13.89 | Encounter for screening for other disorder. Use for tobacco use screening. |

Maternal Tobacco Use and Newborn Exposure

- For maternal use add an additional F17 code to indicate type of tobacco

| ICD-10 Diagnosis Code | Description: All with Nicotine Dependence |
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| O99.330 | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester |
| O99.331 | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, first trimester |
| O99.332 | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, second trimester |
| O99.333 | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, third trimester |
| O99.334 | Smoking (tobacco) complicating childbirth |

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| O99.335 | Smoking (tobacco) complicating puerperium |
| P04.2 | Newborn suspected to be affected by exposure in utero to tobacco smoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be used with P96.81 newborn exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. |
| P96.81 | Exposure to (parental) (environmental) tobacco smoke in the perinatal period |

Please note: the plan may request medical records at any time to support the services rendered.

We appreciate the excellent care you provide to our members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via e-mail: FLMedicaidProviderRelations@Aetna.com. You can also fax us at 1-844-235-1340 or call us through our Provider Relations telephone line: 1-844-528-5815.

Thank you

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