Communication Release
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Client Condition - Pregnancy Form Reminder

SAPC has noticed a trend of state denials related to missing a "pregnancy indicator" for patients who are pregnant. In these denials, the provider correctly billed using an HD modifier, however, the Client Condition-Pregnancy Form was not completed in Sage. This form is required for all patients who are pregnant as it attaches the pregnancy indicator segment on the claim to the state. These can be denied as CO 177 and CO 96 N30. ***This form is required for both Primary and Secondary Sage Users***.

When attempting to rebill those state denials, after completing the Client Condition-Pregnancy form in Sage, providers must ensure the dates of pregnancy match the dates of service with any HD modifier. For patients with multiple pregnancies, a new form is required for each pregnancy. For current pregnancies, providers may enter an estimated end date of the pregnancy approximately 9 months from start date of pregnancy. ***Each providers agency must complete this form, even if there is already a form on file from a previous provider.***

Please note that while the Client Condition-Pregnancy form is required for all patients who are pregnant, only those providers who are certified as PPW, may utilize the HD modifier and PPW authorization groupings to receive the higher service rate.

All Treatment Provider & Sage Advisory Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2020

The next All Treatment Provider & Sage Advisory Meeting will take place on December 15, 2020, at 9 a.m. The meeting will include an update on Sage billing and claim denial resolutions. An email will be sent out shortly with meeting attendance information.

ASAM CONTINUUM Update

The ASAM CONTINUUM was recently updated by the ASAM CONTINUUM Developers. Details on the updates are listed below. The language is provided directly from ASAM.

ASAM is pleased to announce that Version 3.2 of the ASAM CONTINUUM and CO-Triage software is now live. *Thanks to Interviewer feedback, several valuable updates have been made*. Details regarding the release can be found below and on the **ASAM CONTINUUM website**:

Important Clinical Updates:
- **Religion & Ethnicity:** Patient profile information has been updated to accurately reflect patients' religion and ethnicity data. Previously, these data were not being passed from the EHR into CONTINUUM in a consistent manner, causing differences in the ways patients' religion and ethnicity appeared in the ASAM CONTINUUM Narrative Report versus the EHR. A consistency check has been added to ensure alignment. The Narrative Report sentence logic also has been restructured to state the patient's ethnicity more clearly, and the sentence logic regarding race has been omitted, as CONTINUUM does not collect race data separately from ethnicity data.
- Question and Report Updates:
  - **Substance Use Pattern:** In the Drug & Alcohol section, after selecting the substance(s) used, the question "When you usually [drink, drank, use(d)] alcohol, what [is, was] the specific [brand, type, name] and how much would you typically [drink/use] per day?" has been added as a free text field to the top of the sub-section collecting information about the patient's use history and patterns.
  - **DSM-V Criteria List:** The Narrative and Summary Reports have been enhanced to list all DSM-V diagnostic criteria that have been met for each substance. Reports also include the free text response about the patient's use preferences and

patterns for each substance. This information now appears in the Summary Report in the DSM-5 Diagnosis section, and in the Narrative Report at the beginning of the Problem List.

- **Final Disposition Data:** Data from the post-interview Review Section have been added to the CONTINUUM Narrative Report and the CO-Triage Report so users can easily see information about final disposition.

User Interface Updates:
- **Version Numbering:** The current software version number has been added underneath the main ASAM CONTINUUM logo in the top left-hand side of the screen.

CO-Triage Interview:
- **Interview Type:** A question has been added to CO-Triage to indicate how the interview was conducted (e.g., in person, by telehealth video, etc). The CO-Triage Report will now show this information.
- **Ecstasy - Important Clinical Update:** Responses to the question "Which substances are you having problems with that you would like help with?" have been updated. Ecstasy is now listed with other hallucinogens within the selection "PCP, ecstasy, or other hallucinogens." This is an update as it was previously listed within the selection "Stimulants other than cocaine (e.g. amphetamines, bath salts, etc.)."