



COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Living Assistance and Support Services Case Management Agencies
Community Living Assistance and Support Services Direct Service Agencies
Consumer Directed Services Agencies

Subject: Information Letter No. 11-159
Service Code Changes for Pre-Enrollment Assessment Activities by Community Living Assistance and Support Services Provider Agencies

Effective January 1, 2012, the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) will implement changes to the service and billing codes for the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) direct service agencies (DSA) and case management agencies (CMA). Under this new service code and authorization system a CMA and a DSA can bill for pre-enrollment assessment activities on the same day. This was not previously possible. This information letter does not change any of the other current policies or procedures that govern DSA billing for enrollment activities.

Please note there are *no rate changes* with these code changes. The code changes are as follows:

- Service code 40, used for full pre-enrollment assessments, will no longer be used by DSAs.
- Service code 40A for DSA billing of partial pre-enrollment assessments will be eliminated.
- DSAs will use service code 40B, with the appropriate bill code, for partial and full pre-enrollment assessments.
- Service code 40 will remain in use for CMA billing of full and partial pre-enrollment assessment activities.

The new service and bill codes are:

Service	Service Code	Bill Code	Rate
CMA Full Assessment	40	G0204	\$285.95
CMA Partial Assessment	40	G0203	\$104.32
DSA Full Assessment	40B	G0208	\$190.64
DSA Partial Assessment	40B	G0209	\$104.32

The *long-term care bill code crosswalk* has been updated to reflect these changes and is available on the CLASS provider portal of the DADS website at: [Community Living Assistance and Support Services home page](#). In order to claim payment for pre-enrollment activities, the DSAs and CMAs may reference the information on the table above or the bill code crosswalk to determine the appropriate bill code that must accompany the pre-enrollment assessment service code.

In addition to making code changes, the billing system will now include the specific rate for pre-enrollment assessment activities. To receive reimbursement, DSAs and CMAs will bill one unit of full or partial pre-enrollment assessment activity instead of billing multiple units. For example, previously a DSA that completed the pre-enrollment activities necessary for eligibility was authorized \$190.64 units as reimbursement for \$190.64. The changes that will be implemented require a DSA to bill for only one unit and that unit will authorize payment of \$190.64. These changes are the same for CMA billing of full or partial pre-enrollment assessment activities.

If you have any questions about this information letter, please contact the CLASS mailbox at class@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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