



INTERIM COMMISSIONER
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To: Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSAs)
Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DB-MD) Providers
Primary Home Care (PHC) Providers
Consumer Directed Services (CDS) Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 12-76
Reminder for Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Billing: Do Not Bill When a Consumer is in an Institution

This Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Information Letter is being sent to remind providers how important it is to ensure that claims submitted for Personal Assistance Services (PAS) do not include any period of time (dates) when a consumer is in an institution (hospital).

The claim for services should be based on the actual days and hours that services were provided and documented on the consumer's Service Delivery Record (timesheet). Billing on the day of hospital admission or discharge should be included *only* when the consumer actually received services on the dates of admission and discharge from the hospital. ***Billing should exclude dates when the consumer was not receiving PAS.***

Important: For adjustments to paid claims, negative bill first to correct the past claim.

If your agency has billed and received payment for any range of dates that includes a period of hospitalization, the claim must be adjusted as follows:

- Line Item 1. Enter the line item to be adjusted as it appears on the original claim with the units as a negative (-) amount. Line item adjustments should contain the original claim information exactly as shown on the Remittance and Status (R&S) Report.
- Line Item 2. Enter the adjusted line item (as a positive amount). Exclude any period of time (dates) when a consumer was in an institution. Unless services were delivered on consecutive days, more than one line item is required.

Please contact the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) at 1-800-626-4117, Option 1, with questions about claim billing and adjustments.

For additional information, refer to DADS Information Letters 07-125; 08-131; 10-16, and 11-76. In particular, providers are referred to the August 17, 2011, DADS Information Letter 11-76, ***Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Billing Reminder: Do Not Bill When a Consumer is in an Institution***, for information on how to make adjustments to correctly reflect the actual dates that consumer(s) received PAS. Sanctions (i.e., recoupment, vendor hold, etc.) may be applied against an agency that bills for any period of time (dates) when a consumer is in an institution (hospital).

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For questions regarding information in this letter other than claim billing and adjustments, contact the DADS Provider Claims Services (PCS) Hotline at 512-438-2200, Option 3.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

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