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To: Managed Care Organizations
 Federally Qualified Health Centers
 Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization

From: Sandra Kick, Director *Sandra E Kick*
 Office of Medical Benefits Management

Re: Clarification of Reimbursement for Primary Care Services with Carved-Out
 Diagnosis Codes in Federally Qualified Health Centers

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

This transmittal should be reviewed in conjunction with PT [17-24](#) Billing Reminder for Hospitals Seeking Reimbursement for Carved-Out Behavioral Health Services, regarding the payor responsibility for carved-out ICD-10 diagnosis codes listed in COMAR 10.67.08.02.

COMAR 10.67.08.02F requires a HealthChoice managed care organization (MCO) to be responsible for reimbursing behavioral health services when they are delivered by the participant's primary care provider (PCP) within the PCP's scope of practice. The participant's PCP may therefore bill the MCO for primary behavioral health services using a diagnosis code that is carved out for specialty behavioral healthcare.

When a PCP at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) bills for a service with a carved-out ICD-10 diagnosis code in the primary diagnosis field, and the service is rendered within the PCP's scope of practice, MCOs must pay the claim.

For questions related to this transmittal, please contact mdh.healthchoiceprovider@maryland.gov.