

# Medicaid in Education Alert

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**TO:** All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** NYS OHIP SSHSP & NYSED  
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**SUBJECT:** SSHSP Psychological Evaluation and Counseling Current  
Procedural Terminology (CPT) Code Changes – Interim  
Process

The NYS Department of Health (DOH) has been notified of changes made by the American Medical Association (AMA) to the psychotherapy CPT codes as of January 1, 2013. The AMA has issued several new codes with descriptors, discontinued some codes, and maintained some existing codes for psychological evaluations and counseling services.

DOH is in the process of making the necessary internal system changes to accommodate these new CPT codes. In the interim, SSHSP billing providers should direct servicing practitioners to continue using the existing SSHSP CPT codes identified on the [SSHSP CPT Code Handout 5](#) until further notice.

Another Medicaid Alert will be issued when all system changes have been completed and the SSHSP CPT Code Handout 5 has been updated and posted on the Medicaid-in-Education website. At that time, SSHSP billing providers will need to work with their software vendors and billing agents to update the CPT codes in the specific software applications used to support SSHSP billing activities.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this alert, please contact your local Regional Information Center representative or the NYS Education Department, Medicaid Unit at [medined@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:medined@mail.nysed.gov).