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**EFFECTIVE:** 01/01/2020

**SUBJECT:** Use of H2015 and H0043

**SERVICE AFFECTED:** Community Living Supports (CLS) – Unlicensed Setting, “IDD Residential”, “AMI Residential”, “DD Outpatient” and “MH Adult Outpatient” contracts only.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1) The MDHHS PIHP/CMHSP Reporting Cost Per Code and Code Chart, Appendix, page 15 provides the following guidance on the use of H2015 (15-minute unit) and H0043 (per diem unit) “Residential” codes:
  - H2015 (15-minute unit)
    - “In general, the use of such CLS (H2015) occurs when the person's needs are less than 2-3 hours per day, and may not occur every day.”
    - “The exception to this 2-3 hour threshold is when the consumer is in a self-determined arrangement and uses various staff during the day. These staff...[may not be] from the same provider agency and each needs to be paid based upon their activity. In this case, continued use of H2015 is appropriate.”
    - “Where the person has lower needs for CLS staff time and it is more intermittent (e.g., when there are natural supports, and thus needs to be more individualized), and also where there may be significant variability in the use due to the needs of the person, then H2015 is the preferred code to use.” (Note: Many persons under the age of 18 may fall into this category.)
  - H0043 (Per Diem unit)
    - “In general, H0043 per diem is used when the level of CLS needed is on a relatively steady basis.”
    - “The use of the per diem reporting, H0043, is also the preferred code for shared living arrangements...”
  - Use Place of Service code 12, “Home”, when submitting claims for residential services.

- 2) The MDHHS PIHP/CMHSP Reporting Cost Per Code and Code Chart, Appendix, page 24 provides the following guidance on the use of H2015 as a “Day-time Activity” code:
  - “[M]DHHS will allow continued use of H2015 as a day-time CLS activity for persons also getting a per diem CLS (H0043 or H2016).”
  - “The staff persons providing this activity cannot be the same as staff providing the CLS residential services.”
  - “The IPOS must delineate goals specific to these day-time CLS activities.”
  - Use Place of Service code 99, “In the Community” when submitting day-time activity claims.
- 3) DWIHN will use H2015 to report 1 to 19 units per day of CLS residential services (i.e., 19 units is equal to 4 hours & 45 minutes per day).
- 4) DWIHN will use H0043 to report CLS residential services when the member receives five or more hours per day of CLS residential services (i.e., this would be equivalent to 20 or more units of H2015 per day).
- 5) DWIHN will continue to use H2015 to report CLS residential services, without the limit of 19 units/day, for members who use a Self-Determination arrangement or Choice Voucher funding model with a Fiscal Intermediary.
- 6) DWIHN will continue to use H2015 to report CLS residential services, without the limit of 19 units/day, for persons with intermittent or highly variable needs for CLS services, sometimes due to natural supports. (Note: Many persons under the age of 18 may fall into this category.)
- 7) DWIHN will continue to use H2015 to report CLS day-time activity services without the limit of 19 units/day that the CLS residential services code has.

## **PROCEDURE**

### Authorization Updates:

Effective 01-01-2020, any current authorization for H2015 with 20 or more units per day (i.e., 5 hours or more) was converted to the per diem code H0043 with the appropriate “L” billing modifier and with the required state modifier “TF” or “TG”. This was only done for authorizations made under an “IDD Residential” or “AMI Residential” contract records. No authorizations were updated for any other contract program.

### New Authorizations:

All new authorizations made for CLS residential services after 01/01/2020 must adhere to the requirements of this bulletin. Specifically, no authorizations for CLS residential H2015 should be made in excess of 19 units per day (save the exceptions noted in #5, #6, and #7, above). The Per

Diem code H0043 should be use for authorizations of 5 hours (i.e., 20 units) or more of CLS residential services per day.

Contract Programs:

CLS residential services, both H2015 (15-minute unit) and H0043 (Per Diem unit), are located in both the “IDD Residential” and “AMI Residential” contracts. CLS residential services must be prior authorized under one of these two contracts, for the appropriate population. Claims for CLS residential services must include “Place of Service” code 12.

CLS day-time activity services, H2015 (15-minute unit), is located in the “DD Outpatient” and “MH Adult Outpatient” contracts. CLS day-time activity services currently do not require prior authorization. However, effective 03/01/2020, prior authorization will be required for CLS day-time activities. Claims for CLS day-time services must include “Place of Service” code 99.

Note:

H2015 can be reported with the MDHHS modifier “TT” to indicate that multiple members were served concurrently. The “TT” modifier was not included in the text above for brevity, but all the above requirements apply to both H2015 and H2015-TT.

Procedure Code Chart:

See the Chart below for a list of the procedure codes and modifiers and the corresponding amount of staff’s time.

**CHART:**

Code	Mod_1	Mod_2	Unit Type	H2015 Units/Day*	Minimum Time	Maximum Time
H2015	.	.	15-min.	1	15 minutes	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	2	30 minutes	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	3	45 minutes	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	4	1 hour	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	5	1 hr. 15 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	6	1 hr. 30 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	7	1 hr. 45 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	8	2 hours	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	9	2 hr. 15 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	10	2 hr. 30 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	11	2 hr. 45 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	12	3 hours	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	13	3 hr. 15 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	14	3 hr. 30 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	15	3 hr. 45 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	16	4 hours	.

H2015	.	.	15-min.	17	4 hr. 15 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	18	4 hr. 30 min.	.
H2015	.	.	15-min.	19	4 hr. 45 min.	.
H0043	L1	TF	Day	.	5 hours	7 hr. 45 min.
H0043	L2	TF	Day	.	8 hours	10 hours
H0043	L2	TG	Day	.	10 hr. 15 min.	10 hr. 45 min.
H0043	L3	TG	Day	.	11 hours	14 hr. 45 min.
H0043	L4	TG	Day	.	15 hours	20 hr. 45 min.
* If more than 19 units/day of H2015 (includes H2015 TT) are needed, then use Per Diem code H0043.						

#### **REFERENCES:**

**Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual**

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551\\_2945\\_42542\\_42543\\_42546\\_42553-87572--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42546_42553-87572--,00.html)

**MDHHS Website: PIHP/CMHSP Reporting Cost Per Code and Code Chart**

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941\\_38765---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_38765---,00.html)

**MDHHS Website: PIHP/CMHSP Provider Qualifications Chart**

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941\\_38765---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_38765---,00.html)