

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Managed Long-Term Care Plans

**From:** Erin Kate Calicchia  
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**Subject:** 4/1/18 Implementation of Universal Billing Codes

**Date:** 3/30/18

On 4/1/18, the implementation of the universal billing codes for all managed care plans and contracted providers will begin.

As you know, the New York State Public Health Law has been amended to require universal standards for coding of payment for home and community based long term care services claims. Specifically, it requires these codes to be based on universal billing codes approved by the Health Department and be consistent with any codes developed as part of the uniform assessment system for long term care established by the Department. Any claims under contracts or agreements between any long-term care providers and managed long-term care plans or managed care plans are required to be processed using the universal standards for coding of payments. In addition, the Public Health Law has been amended to require *electronic payments* of claims under contracts or agreements between any long-term care providers and managed long-term care plans or managed care plans. These payments are required to be paid via electronic funds transfer.

The APD/EIS system has been updated to accept the modifiers that will be required when submitting encounter claims.

The list of universal billing codes can be found online at:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long\\_term\\_care/reimbursement/letters/dal\\_2017-12-07\\_billing\\_codes.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/reimbursement/letters/dal_2017-12-07_billing_codes.htm).

Questions regarding the universal billing codes may be directed to [nfrates@health.ny.gov](mailto:nfrates@health.ny.gov)

With the subject heading: Home Care Billing Codes.

Updates to the MMCOR guide are in process and will be available shortly.