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Discontinuation of Reimbursement for CPT Code 99051

Aetna Better Health of Kentucky (ABHKY) is providing notice of an upcoming reimbursement change involving CPT Code 99051.

What Is Changing?

Effective, November 5, 2026, Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will no longer provide separate reimbursement for CPT Code 99051:

99051 – Services provided in the office during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to the basic service.

Reason for the Change

CPT 99051 is an add-on code intended to identify services rendered during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours. ABHKY has completed a review of reimbursement practices and is aligning reimbursement methodology with applicable fee schedule and payment policy guidelines.

Billing Impact

- Claims submitted with CPT 99051 for dates of service on or after the effective date will not receive separate reimbursement.
- Providers should continue to bill the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E/M) or other covered primary procedure codes for services rendered.
- The denial of CPT 99051 will not impact coverage or reimbursement of the underlying eligible service when billed correctly and in accordance with provider contract terms and ABHKY billing requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will providers still be paid for office visits performed during evenings, weekends, or holidays?

Yes. Covered services remain eligible for reimbursement when billed in accordance with applicable billing guidelines and provider contract terms. CPT 99051 will no longer receive separate reimbursement.

Does this change affect CPT 99050 or other after-hours service codes?

No. This notice applies only to CPT 99051. Providers should continue to follow current billing guidance for all other procedure codes.

Thank you for your continued partnership in serving Kentucky Medicaid members.

Questions?

If you have general questions about this communication, contact Provider Relations at **1-855-300-5528** (TTY: 711). We're here for you Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 7 PM ET.