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## Update Regarding Billing Code H0049

Dear provider,

This notice is to advise you of an update to the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) policy regarding alcohol/drug screening billing code H0049.

Medi-Cal recently added this code as a covered benefit, effective retroactively to June 9, 2020. Medi-Cal has provided guidance which states that code H0049 should be used for drug screening only and is payable on a case-by-case basis (or “by report”).

HPSM recognizes that this documentation may be challenging and wants to make sure providers are promptly paid for these services. To support network providers, HPSM has decided to assign a rate of \$24 to this code. Additionally, you are not required to submit documentation to receive payment for this code. You will automatically receive the reimbursement for claims billed for members of Medi-Cal Healthworx, and ACE.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the claims department at **650-616-2056** or [ClaimsInquiries@hpsm.org](mailto:ClaimsInquiries@hpsm.org).

Thank you very much for your cooperation,

The Health Plan of San Mateo