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Change to CPT Codes

Starting January 1, 2013, all mental health providers are required to utilize new CPT® codes for psychotherapy when billing insurance carriers, including Medicare.

However, the basic services provided by the new codes aren't changing. (CPT is the abbreviation for **Current Procedural Technology** that was copyrighted by the American Medical Association, AMA, in 2011).

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Penalties for Not Participating in Meaningful Use?!

How do you avoid potential penalties for non-compliance with the ARRA Meaningful Use EHR incentive program!? The safest way to avoid the 2015 penalty is to successfully demonstrate meaningful use in 2013. If that's not possible, a provider whose first year of participation is 2014 has until October 1, 2014 to successfully attest. **This means that you must begin the 90-day reporting period no later than July 3 of 2014.**

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Throughout October, [PIMSY's Facebook cover](#) has highlighted Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We've also been showing our support by sharing facts about intimate partner violence from the NNEDV and providing a [resource guide](#) for mental & behavioral health care providers.

Although it's only officially recognized for one month of the year, domestic violence awareness is a critical part of any provider's practice, as it unfortunately saturates every tier of society. [Stay informed and aware](#) to help your clients and everyone who is affected by this critical issue. [read more . . .](#)