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1. After hours and Weekend Care

Effective **July 1, 2017**, Aetna Better Health will be adding code 99051 at \$15 and will be following correct coding guidelines for 99050 and 99051, as defined below:

- 99050 Services provided in the office at times <u>other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days</u> <u>when the office is normally closed</u> (eg, holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service.
- 99051 Service(s) provided in the office during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to basic service

After hours or weekend care Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes represent services provided when an individual physician or other health care professional is required to render the services outside of regular posted office hours to treat a patient's urgent illness or condition. This policy outlines when after hours or weekend care codes are considered for separate reimbursement.

Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will reimburse after hours CPT codes 99050 and 99051 to participating primary care providers when reported with basic services in one of the following CMS non-facility place of service (POS) designations only:

- 11 Office
- 49 Independent Clinic
- 50 Federally Qualified Health Center
- 71 State or Local Public Health Clinic
- 72 Rural Health Clinic

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2. NEW POLICY UPDATES CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning July 25, 2017:

POLICY

<u>Prenatal Cytogenetics Testing</u>-Prenatal cytogenetic testing should not be performed routinely. Cytogenetic testing is appropriate for pregnancies at increased risk for chromosomal abnormalities, for example, due to advanced maternal age, recurrent fetal loss, family history, abnormal maternal screening for fetal aneuploidy, or abnormal fetal ultrasound. When prenatal cytogenetic testing is reported we would expect to see a diagnosis indicating a specific risk factor.

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