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NUBC APPROVES REVENUE CODES REQUESTED BY AMBHA

(Washington, D.C.) – Last week members of the American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA) attended the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) meeting for the second time to present their behavioral health revenue code request. The NUBC, brought together by the American Hospital Association (with representatives from the CMS, hospital and insurance industries) holds the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the UB-92 data set (the standard “uniform billing” institutional claim form).

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires covered entities to use standard codes on claim transactions. As a result of this requirement state, local and proprietary behavioral health codes will be unavailable for use. AMBHA made a request to the NUBC to establish revenue codes for several services that are used routinely in the behavioral health field but that were not included in any of the HIPAA designated code sets.

AMBHA is pleased to announce that On Wednesday, May 7th, the NUBC, at AMBHA’s request, approved eight new behavioral health revenue codes. These new codes will take effect October 16, 2003. NUBC combined code sections 090X and 091X and renamed them “behavioral health treatments/services.” Combining of these sections made room for the addition of the following new codes under 090X:

- 0905 – Intensive Outpatient Services – Psychiatric
- 0906 – Intensive Outpatient Services – Chemical Dependency
- 0907 – Community Behavioral Health Program (Day Treatment)

Furthermore, NUBC established a new code section “100X” entitled “behavioral health accommodations.” The following codes were included under 100X:

- 1000 – General Classification
- 1001 – Residential Treatment -- Psychiatric
- 1002 – Residential Treatment – Chemical Dependency
- 1003 – Supervised Living
- 1004 – Halfway House
- 1005 – Group Home

Pamela Greenberg, Executive Director of AMBHA said “approval of these codes is of great importance to AMBHA and others in the behavioral health community. We appreciate both the recognition by the NUBC of the value of these codes and the support that we received from the behavioral health community in our request for these new codes.”

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