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**Home Health Services: Transition to 15-Minute Units for Home Health Aide Services**

In the past, Home Health providers have been instructed to bill Home Health Aide services with one unit for a visit. National guidelines require these services to be billed in 15-minute units.

Effective with dates of service Aug. 1, 2016, Medicaid claims processing logic will be updated to reflect the intent of Medicaid policy and national guidelines related to Home Health Aide visits (G0156: Services of Home Health/Hospice Aide in Home Health or Hospice Settings, each 15 minutes).

Effective with dates of service Aug. 1, 2016, Home Health providers will be required to bill Medicaid for Home Health Aide in 15-minute units. Provider documentation must reflect the arrival time and departure time of the aide for the visit in order to substantiate the provider's claim for the number of 15-minute units billed. This documentation must be retained and made available for review by the provider according to Medicaid standards for provider participation.

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