

Medicaid Billing for Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) Counseling



As of August 1, 2013, **Medicaid coverage of end-of-life counseling by primary care providers and other specialty providers caring for Medicaid beneficiaries with serious, chronic, or terminal illness relating to the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment is available.**

The procedure code for this service is S0257; it is billed in addition to the appropriate Evaluation & Management service. The provider types eligible to render this service are physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or licensed mental health provider. The reimbursement for this service is available once a year for persons with serious, chronic, or terminal illness.

The reimbursement for this service will be \$40 for a 30-minute session; however, **to qualify for reimbursement, providers must complete training on the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment process and form.** Training from the Colorado Advance Directives Consortium is preferred, but any training specifically on utilization of and patient counseling related to the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment in Colorado is acceptable. Providers should retain proof of training (e.g., certificate of attendance) on file and do not need to provide anything to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Providers should counsel and provide the necessary forms and guidance to comply with the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment law in accordance with the “Getting the MOST Out of the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment: Guidelines for Healthcare Professionals” implementation instructions available from the Colorado Advance Directives Consortium (CADC) website, www.coloroadvancedirectives.com. Additional provider and patient resources are available from the CADC. For more information on the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment process and form, please contact the CADC, coloroadvancedirectives@gmail.com. For further information on the coverage of the procedure, contact Richard Delaney at richard.delaney@state.co.us or (303) 866-3436.