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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Medicaid Compliance Notice: CHA/P Supervision and Reimbursement**

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Message: Alaska Medicaid conducted a review of billing practices related to physician supervision of and consultation to community health aide/practitioners (CHA/P). Based on findings of regulatory and policy noncompliance, Alaska Medicaid has issued a compliance notice that addresses services provided by CHA/Ps and their supervising physicians. Some of the topics include:

- CHA/Ps may practice only under the supervision of a licensed physician; supervision is not separately reimbursable by Alaska Medicaid.
- Medically necessary consultation should occur first with the CHA/P's supervising physician and may occur in-person or via telemedicine.
- The initial examination performed by a CHA/P, prior to the telemedicine session, may be reimbursed based on the level of care provided by the CHA/P. This initial examination should be billed with the applicable procedure code for that date of service based on CPT guidelines.

CHA/Ps and their supervising physicians are encouraged to review the compliance notice carefully to ensure full compliance with Alaska Medicaid program regulations. The "Medicaid Compliance Notice: Community Health Aide/Practitioner Supervision and Reimbursement" dated 06/28/2017 is available at <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/updates.htm>.

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