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**TO:** DDSO Directors  
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**FROM:** Jill Pettinger, Psy.D.   
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**DATE:** August 12, 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Issuance of OPWDD Policy and Medicaid Billing Guidance for Ambulatory Patient Groups (APGs) and Standards for Article 16 Clinics Provider Manual (Revision 1, 2011)**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to issue the OPWDD Policy and Medicaid Billing Guidance for APGs and Standards for Article 16 Clinics Provider Manual (Revision 1, July 2011). The manual provides policy and Medicaid billing guidance to OPWDD Part 679 Clinic Treatment Facilities (Article 16 Clinics) that submit NYS **Medicaid** claims for reimbursement under APG payment methodology.

**Applicability:**

The policy and billing guidance are effective as of July 1, 2011. **Specific interim billing instructions are included in the manual that must be followed as of July 1, 2011 until DOH receives State Plan Amendment approval to implement APG reimbursement methodology in OPWDD Article 16 Clinics.**

The standards in Chapter 5 of the manual are also effective July 1, 2011 and **supersede** in their entirety, the standards contained in the OMRDD (now OPWDD) Administrative Memorandum #2005-01; *Standards for Article 16 Clinics* dated February 18, 2005.

**Article 16 Clinic Mental Hygiene Crosswalk:**

The updated Article 16 Clinic Mental Hygiene Crosswalk effective July 1, 2011 is provided as an attachment to this memorandum. The Mental Hygiene Crosswalk includes valid and allowable CPT/HCPCS codes for the APG categories related to nutrition/dietetics, occupational and physical therapy, speech language pathology, psychotherapy, developmental and neuropsychological testing and education/collateral services.

**Acknowledgments:**

The APG manual is the result of the collaborative endeavor and participation of Article 16 Clinic representatives from OPWDD Provider Associations, the DDSOs and multiple OPWDD Central Office Bureaus. We are pleased with the effort and are hopeful that the manual will be useful to all.

**Availability:**

The attached manual and the updated crosswalk will be available electronically on the OPWDD website at: [www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov)

If you have additional policy/program questions regarding the attached APG manual, please call the Bureau of Behavioral and Clinical Services at 518-474-3558; for billing questions, please contact the Bureau of Central Operations at 518-402-4333; and for rate questions please contact the Bureau of Cost and Revenue Solutions at 518-474-1745.

Attachments:

- OPWDD Policy and Medicaid Billing Guidance for APGs and Standards for Article 16 Clinics Provider Manual (Revision 1, July 2011)
- Updated Article 16 Clinic Mental Hygiene Crosswalk 7.1.2011

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