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Subject: New SUD codes Issue # 22011

MCOs and ASOs:

We sent a previous email and an Interim SERI instruction under this issue number, regarding changes to the NCCI requirements and SERI. In that email we shared the below. See the hilite of this information. The new codes referenced are: 96164,96165,96167,96168,96170,96171. Did you expanded your system to allow SUD providers to continue to bill these codes while their EHRs are updated?

Recent New SUD Codes:

- Please do not apply the NCCI MUE edits on the new group add on CPT code 96165. Please do allow intensive outpatient SUD providers to bill 3 hour groups, as this is the service intensity required per ASAM and WAC.
- This should be retro-active to 1/1/2020. Please let me know if this is not doable.
- Also note that if providers and MCOs need more time in implementing the new codes, the implementation date has been extended from 3/1/2020 to 4/1/2020. See attached updated guidance.

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