

# Webinar Billing Training: DENIAL TROUBLESHOOTING & REPLACEMENT CLAIMS SUBMISSION WEBINAR TRAINING Los Angeles County's Substance Use Disorder Information System

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# **Outline**

- Diagnosis and Denial
- Where to find the Denial Code/Reason
- Denial Reasons, Translations and Troubleshooting
- Claim Replacement Submission Process
- Summary
- Q & A





### **Reasons for Claim Denials**

- Claims may be denied for multiple reasons, including:
  - Incorrect/missing information (Financial Eligibility Form info, Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form)
    - See prior All Provider Meeting slides from 2/8/18 and 3/8/18 for additional details
  - Patient not eligible (e.g., income too high, non-County resident)
  - Service authorization denial
  - Lack of funds in contract (provider would just need to request an increase in adjustable contract cap)

Current average denial rate across SAPC providers is 17 – 20%, but this number can/should be reduced with time as providers and staff get accustomed to using and billing on Sage

A certain proportion of denials are unavoidable in managed care systems





### **Dealing with Denial(s)**

### Advantage:

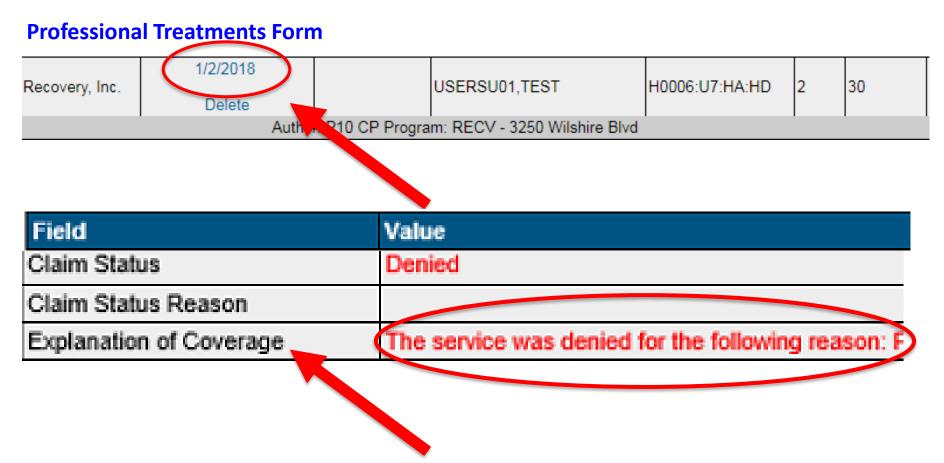
- You are all trained SUD treatment professionals.
- You are experts at identifying and confronting denial.

### Goal is to:

- Provide practical understanding of denial reason codes and what they mean.
- Identify next steps that are needed to address the denial reason codes.
- Learn to distinguish between fixable denial codes and those that not fixable (e.g., appropriate denials).
- Learn how to submit replacement claims.



### DECODING Your Denials: Understanding What You Are Dealing With





# Denial Reason #1: Eligibility not found/verified in Cal PM

**Translation:** There is one or more eligibility elements with missing information.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 177		Eligibility not found/verified in CalPM	Blank





#### **Denial Reason #1:**

### **Eligibility Not Found/Verified in Cal PM**

What to do if you are a Primary Sage User (Provider Connect)?	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Financial Eligibility Form 2. Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form
	<ul> <li><u>Troubleshooting steps:</u></li> <li>1. Does the client have a financial eligibility form completed?</li> <li>2. If the client has a Financial Eligibility defined as Drug MediCal as the primary guarantor, are the following fields filled in: <ul> <li>a. Subscriber Client Index #</li> <li>b. Subscriber Birth Date</li> <li>c. Subscriber Address Line 1: State, City, Zip Code</li> <li>d. Eligibility Verified set to 'Yes'</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Does the client have an Admission Diagnosis in the Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) form?</li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li><u>Troubleshooting steps:</u></li> <li>1. Ensure that you have completed all required fields for Financial Eligibility as specified above.</li> <li>2. Ensure you have a admission diagnosis entered.</li> <li>3. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>



### **Denial Reason #2:**

### **Diagnosis For Authorization is Not Found On Claim**

<u>Translation</u>: There is a diagnosis on the Authorization Request Form that does not perfectly match what is on the Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 197	Denied		Diagnosis For Authorization Is Not Specified On Claim





#### **Denial Reason #2:**

### **Diagnosis For Authorization is not Found On Claim**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage User</u> (Provider Connect)?	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Authorization Request Form 2. Professional Treatment Form
	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Does the Authorization Request Form have a diagnosis?</li> <li>If you find a diagnosis on this form, please contact SAPC QI &amp; UM Staff Member who assisted with your authorization who will assist in removing the diagnosis from the Authorization Request Form.</li> <li>Resubmit your claim.</li> <li>2. Does the Professional Treatment form contain a diagnosis?</li> <li>If Yes, then remove diagnosis and resubmit your claim.</li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li><u>Troubleshooting steps:</u></li> <li>1. Ensure that you have completed admission diagnosis.</li> <li>2. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>





### **Authorization Request Form**

#### • Do <u>NOT</u> enter a diagnosis on the Authorization Request Form.

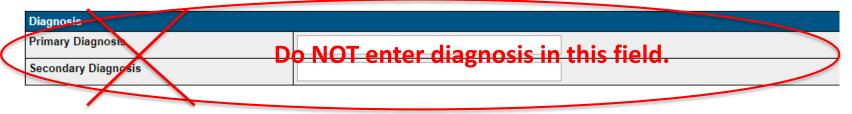
#### **Authorization Request**

Client Information		
CLIENT NAME	MEMBER ID	PROVIDER NAME
Monster Child	11	Recovery, Inc.

Authorization Dates			
Authorization Requested Start Date:		Set authorization for	days Set
Authorization Requested End Date:			

Care Manager	
CARE MANAGER ASSIGNED:	DATE ASSIGNED:

Authorization Information			
AUTHORIZATION NUMBER:	CURRENT AUTHORIZATION STATUS:	CURRENT AUTHORIZATION STATUS REASON:	
AUTHORIZED LEVEL OF CARE:	TYPE OF AUTHORIZATION:	PERFORMING PROVIDER TYPE:	
PLANNED ADMIT DATE:	INITIAL OR CONTINUING AUTH:	NEXT REVIEW DATE:	







### **Professional Treatment Form**

Do <u>NOT</u> enter a diagnosis on the Professional Treatment Form → may cause billing errors.

Treatment Deta	ils	Additional Information	
Funding Source: CPT Code: Num of Days: Units/Day: Total Units: Cost/Unit: Cost/Unit: Cost/Day: Total Cost: Treatment Date(s)	Drug Medi-Cal H0004:U7:HA:HD - Individual Counseling 1 4 4 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	Start Time: Duration (minutes per service) Location:	End Time: 60 Office
Diagnosis Deta			
Primary Diagno becond Diagno Third Diagnosis Fourth Diagnos	sis:		
			10



### **Denial Reason #3:** Invalid Authorization Number

<u>Translation</u>: Professional treatment was submitted using an incorrect authorization number. This can be a "Member Authorization" or "Provider Authorization" (Denial Reason experienced only by Secondary Sage Users).

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 15	Denied	Blank	Invalid Authorization Number





#### **Denial Reason #3:** Invalid Authorization Number

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage User</u> (Provider Connect)?	<u>Forms to check:</u> None.
	<u>Troubleshooting steps:</u> Not Applicable. This is an denial reason that applies to secondary providers.
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary Sage</u> <u>User</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Confirm that you have an authorization number for your client</li> <li>2. Confirm that you have a Provider Authorization number for your site.</li> <li>3. Confirm that you are using the correct Authorization Number or Provider Authorization number and resubmit billing.</li> <li>4. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>



### Denial Reason #4: Contracting Provider Program Not Valid For Authorization

<u>Translation</u>: Treatment/claim was submitted under a program that is not specified on the authorization that was selected.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 185	Denied		Contracted Provider Program Not Valid For Authorization





#### **Denial Reason #4:**

#### **Contracting Provider Program Not Valid For Authorization**

What to do if you are	Forms to check:		
a <u>Primary Sage User</u>	1. Professional Treatment Form (Authorization Field)		
(Provider Connect)?	2. Service Authorization Form (if applicable, to verify Authorization #)		
	Troubleshooting steps:		
	1. Was your member authorization <u>submitted</u> and <u>approved</u> ?		
	2. Did you select the correct <b>program (e.g. location)</b> on the Service		
	Authorization Form?		
	<ul> <li>If not, you need to contact your SAPC QI/UM staff member to resci</li> </ul>	ind	
	this authorization and re-submit with Service Authorization Form v correct location	vith	
	3. When completing the Professional Treatment Form, did you:		
	<ul> <li>Select the correct <u>authorization number</u> for your client?</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Select the appropriate <u>Member Auth number</u>? PAuth Number?</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Select the correct program (e.g. location)?</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>If no, then resubmit claim after selecting correct info above.</li> </ul>		
What to do if you are	Troubleshooting steps:		
a <u>Secondary Sage</u>	1. Verify the correct program is specified on the authorization numbers	ber	
<u>User</u> ?	referenced in the claim.		
	2. Contact Help Desk if not resolved. 14		





# Authorization Request Form Program Selection

- The program on the Authorization request form corresponds to the provider agency where treatment is being delivered.
  - If an agency has multiple sites, be sure to select the correct program where this patient is being treated.

Funding Source & Benefit Plan Information			
Funding Source: Drug Medi-Cal	Benefit Plan: DMC SUD Services		
Program:			
- Please Choose One - 🔻			
- Please Choose One - Recovery Facility			
Astunorization Group Leave Stank for individual CPT Codes requests.			





# **Professional Treatment Form**

- Each Auth # corresponds to a <u>Funding Source</u>, <u>Dates of Service</u>, <u>Age Group</u>, <u>ASAM LOC</u>, and <u>Treatment Location</u>.
  - Many agencies have multiple Treatment Locations, with different locations having different provider authorizations to select from when entering a Professional Treatment
  - Any authorization number that begins with a "P" (e.g. Provider Authorizations) corresponds to <u>Non-Authorized Levels of Care</u>
  - Authorization numbers that that DO NOT start with a "P" correspond to an <u>Authorized</u> <u>Service</u> (e.g. Member Authorizations).

Authorization:		Auth #, Funding Source, Valid Dates : [Auth Grouping Name], up to 3 sets Procedure Code - Description from Auth		
		Select Authorization to filter CPT Codes		
	Select Authorization to filter CPT (	Codes		
	Auth #: 2765 FS: Drug Medi-Cal 1/24/2018 - 3/24/2018 : Recovery Facillity : ASAM 3.1 - Over 21/Perinatal - 90846:U1:HD - Family Therapy, 99203:U1:HD - Physical Exam, D(			
	Auth #: P2897 FS: Drug Medi-Cal 3/1/2018 - 3/31/2018 : Recovery Facility : ASAM 1-OTP - Over 21 - 908 6: UA: HG - Medical Psychotherapy, 99203: UA: HG - Physical Exam,			
	Auth #: P2878 FS: Non-Drug Medi-Cal 7/1/2017 - 1/31/2018 : Recovery Facillity : ASAM 1-OTP - Over 21 - 30846:UA:HG - Medical Psychotherapy, 99203:UA:HG - Physical E			
	Auth #: P2895 FS: Non-Drug Medi-Cal 2/1/2018 - 2/28/2018 ::: ASAM 1.0 - Over 21 - 90846:07 - Family Therapy, 99203:07 - Physical Exam, D0001:07 - Discharge Services			
	Performing Provider	1	.6	



### **Denial Reason #5: Service Occurs During a Claims Blackout**

<u>Translation</u>: The service you are attempting to bill for occurs during a period where a claims blackout is actively in place.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
OA 133	Denied		This service occurs during a claim processing blackout.





#### **Denial Reason #5:**

#### **Service Occurs During a Claims Blackout**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Client Eligibility Verification Report
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect</u> ) <b>?</b>	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Run the Client Eligibility Verification Report.</li> <li>2. Does the client have their eligibility established for the dates of service that you are requesting?</li> <li>If Yes, contact the help desk to determine if a claims blackout in in place.</li> <li>If No, then: <ol> <li>Verify all needed medical necessity components are in the chart.</li> <li>Contact your SAPC UM Staff Person or SAPC UM 626-299-3531.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1) Does the client have their eligibility established for the dates of service that you are requesting?</li> <li>If Yes, contact help desk to determine if a claims blackout in in place.</li> <li>If No, then: <ol> <li>Verify all needed medical necessity components are in the chart.</li> <li>Contact your SAPC UM Staff Person or SAPC UM 626-299-3581.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>



### **Common Denial Reason #6: Group time on Treatment is more than 90 minutes**

<u>Translation</u>: You are attempting to bill for a group service that is more than 90 minutes in length.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 177	Denied	Eligibility and/or Standards not Met	Claim Status has been set to Denied because of Claim Adjudication Rule 16 - Limit group/pt 90 min.
		<b>REQUEST</b> <b>DENIED</b>	19



#### **Denial Reason #6:**

#### Group time on Treatment is more than 90 minutes

What to do if you	Forms to check:		
are a Primary Sage	1. Clinical Documentation		
<u>User (Provider</u>	2. Professional Treatment Entry		
<u>Connect</u> )?	Troubleshooting steps:		
	1. Verify duration of group on the clinical documentation.		
	• If group lasted longer than 90 minutes, you can only bill for a maximum of 90 minutes of service.		
	2. Resubmit claim using corrected duration of group, as specified in 1.		
What to do if you	Troubleshooting steps:		
are a <u>Secondary</u>	1. Verify the group duration.		
Sage User?	<ul> <li>If group lasted longer than 90 minutes, you can only bill for a maximum of 90 minutes of service.</li> </ul>		
	2. Resubmit claim using correct duration of group, as specified in 1.		



### **Denial Reason #7:**

# Claim Level Adjustment was submitted without a corresponding Service Level Adjustment

<u>Translation</u>: The claim on an 837 is formatted incorrectly. Identified a previous payment/adjustment and the service did not.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
OA 23	Denied	Blank	Claim Level Payment/Adjustment Information Found and No Service Level Payment/Adjustment Found.
		<b>REQUES'</b> DENIED	21



#### **Denial Reason #7:**

#### Claim Level Adjustment was submitted without a corresponding Service Level Adjustment

What to do if you	<u>Forms to check:</u>
are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	1. None
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect)</u> ?	<u>Troubleshooting steps:</u> 1. Not Applicable. This is an denial reason that applies to secondary providers
What to do if you	<u>Forms to Check:</u>
are a <u>Secondary</u>	1. None.
Sage User?	<u>Troubleshooting steps:</u> 1. Resend 837 with Service Level Adjustment.



### **Denial Reason #8:**

### **Contracting Provider Program Not Active**

<u>Translation</u>: Program you are attempting to bill to is not currently active in the SAGE system.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 147	Denied		<b>Contracting Provider Program</b> is Not Active.





#### **Denial Reason #8:**

#### **Contracting Provider Program Not Active**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. None.
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect</u> ) <b>?</b>	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Contact Help Desk to confirm that the treatment program and location you are attempting to bill to is active in Sage.</li> <li>2. If program is not active, Help Desk will escalate ticket to SAPC-Contracts Services Division (CSD).</li> <li>3. Follow-up with SAPC-CSD as needed.</li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	Forms to Check:         1. None.         Troubleshooting steps:         Same as above.



### **Denial Reason #9: Denied Authorization**

# **<u>Translation</u>**: You are attempting to bill on an authorization that has been denied

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 15	Denied	Blank	Authorization is denied.





### **Common Denial Reason #9:**

#### **Denied Authorization**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Authorization Status Report		
<u>User (Provider</u>	Troubleshooting steps:		
<u>Connect)</u> ?	1. Run the Authorization Status Report		
	2. Confirm that the Authorization number that you used on your billing has		
	the "Request Status" of "Denied".		
	3. If the authorization status (e.g. Member Authorization or Provider		
	Authorization "PAuth") is submitted and approved, they may not have been		
	active or approved for the time period that you are attempting to bill for or		
	at the time of billing.		
	4. If you submitted using a denied Authorization number, resubmit using a		
	correct/authorized number.		
	5. If not resolved, Contact Help Desk.		
What to do if you	Troubleshooting steps:		
are a <u>Secondary</u>	1. Verify an authorization was approved or a PAuth is active. If they are		
Sage User?	active currently, they may not have been active or approved for the time		
	period that you are attempting to bill for or at the time of billing.		
	2. Contact Help Desk.		
	NOTE: More likely to be a Secondary Provider issue due to billing timing.		



### Denial Reason #10: Exceeded Number of Days to Bill

<u>Translation</u>: You are attempting to bill for services that occurred greater than 365 days prior to billing date.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 29	Denied		Service Exceeded Allowed Number Of Days Prior to Date Of Claim.





#### **Denial Reason #10:**

#### **Exceeded Number of Days to Bill**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Billing	
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect</u> ) <b>?</b>	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1 Confirm in the Submitted Bill that the Date of Service is not more than 365 days before the Bill Date. NOTE: Typically this is a typo error (ex: 201 vs. 2017).</li> <li>2. If date of service was less than 365 days before the billing date, resubmit correct dates.</li> <li>* If this does not resolve issue, contact Help Desk.</li> <li>3. If date of service was more than 365 days before the billing date, you not be permitted to bill for these services.</li> </ul>	15 mit
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li><u>Troubleshooting steps:</u></li> <li>1. Confirm the Date of Service is correct.</li> <li>2. If date of service was less than 365 days before the billing date, resubmit with correct dates.</li> <li>* If this does not resolve issue, contact Help Desk.</li> <li>3. If date of service was more than 365 days before the billing date, you will not be permitted to bill for these services.</li> </ul>	1



### **Denial Reason #11:**

### **Group Time is Too Short and Outside Minimum Limit**

<u>Translation</u>: You are attempting to bill for a group that too short (e.g. <60 mins).

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 177	Denied	Eligibility and/or Standards not Met	Claim Status has been set to Denied because of Claim Adjudication Rule 15 - Limits Groups/Patient Education.





#### **Denial Reason #11:**

#### **Group Time is Too Short and Outside Minimum Limit**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u> User (Provider	Forms to check: 1. Clinical Documentation 2. Professional Treatment Entry		
<u>Connect</u> )?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Verify duration of group on the clinical documentation.</li> <li>If group lasted less than 60 minutes, you cannot bill for the group.</li> <li>2. Correct Group duration of 60+ mins (if applicable) and resubmit claim using correct duration of group, as specified in 1.</li> </ul>		
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Verify the group duration.</li> <li>If group lasted less than 60 minutes, you cannot bill for the group.</li> <li>2. Correct Group duration of 60+ mins (if applicable) and resubmit claim using correct duration of group, as specified in 1.</li> </ul>		



### **Denial Reason #12:** Missing Episode for Date of Service

<u>Translation</u>: Your are attempting to bill for a service that occurred before the admission date.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO A1 MA40	Denied	Blank	Missing Episode for DOS





#### **Denial Reason #12:** Missing Episode for Date of Service

What to do if you are a Primary Sage	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Provider Admission Form		
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect</u> )?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Verify that the date you are attempting to bill for services on falls on or after the date of admission on Provider Admission Form.</li> <li>2. If you discover the admission date is incorrect, contact the help desk to request assistance for options in adjusting this date.</li> <li>3. If the date of service occurred on or after the admission date, resubmit billing with this correct date.</li> <li>4. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>		
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Date of Service is before admission date.</li> <li>2. Correct Date of Service or admission date.</li> <li>3. Resubmit claims.</li> <li>4. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>		



### **Denial Reason #13: Group Duration Limit**

#### **<u>Translation</u>**: Historical error and should no longer be encountered

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 177		Standards not Met	Claim Status has been set to D because of Claim Adjudication Rule 4 - H0005:U1 Group Counseling 90 min limit.





#### **Denial Reason #13: Group Duration Limit**

What to do if you	Forms to check:		
are a Primary Sage	1. Clinical Documentation		
User (Provider	2. Professional Treatment Entry		
Connect)?	Troubleshooting steps:		
	1. Verify the duration of group you are attempting to bill for is between 60		
	and 90 minutes in duration.		
	2. This is a historical error. Should not be encountered if you resubmit your		
	billing.		
	2. If not resolved with resubmission, contact Help Desk.		
What to do if you	Troubleshooting steps:		
are a <u>Secondary</u>	1. Same as above.		
Sage User?			



### **Denial Reason #14:**

### **Incorrect Authorization Number on 837 Submission**

<u>Translation</u>: You have submitted an 837 electronic claim with an incorrect authorization number.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 15	Denied		This member does not have this authorization number.





#### **Denial Reason #14:**

#### **No Authorization Number on 837 Submission**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. None.
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect)</u> ?	<u>Troubleshooting steps:</u> 1. Not Applicable. This denial reason applies only to secondary Sage users submitting billing via the 837 process.
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Include the correct authorization on your billing submission.</li> <li>2. Resubmit claims.</li> <li>3. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>



### **Denial Reason #15:**

## Number of Services per Claim Allowed Exceeded

## <u>Translation</u>: You have attempted to submit a claim on an 837 with too many services associated with it.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 16	Denied		Number of services per claim allowed exceeded





#### **Denial Reason #15:**

#### **Number of Services per Claim Allowed Exceeded**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. None.
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect)</u> ?	<u>Troubleshooting steps:</u> 1. Not Applicable. This denial reason applies only to secondary Sage users submitting billing via the 837 process.
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Resubmit claims with correct formats. <ol> <li>There should only be one service per claim</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li> </ul>



## Denial Reason #16: No Coverage Level Found

**<u>Translation</u>**: The particular type of service that you are attempting to bill for may not be associated with this benefit plan

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 181	Denied	Blank	No coverage level found.





#### Denial Reason #16: No Coverage Level Found

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Professional Treatment
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect)</u> ?	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Review HCPC code you were using to ensure it is part of the benefit plan, as indicated by the SAPC Rates &amp; Standards Matrix.</li> <li>2. If you have confirmed HCPC code is correct, contact Help Desk for assistance.</li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<ol> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>Review HCPC code you were using to ensure it is part of the benefit plan, as indicated by the SAPC Rates &amp; Standards Matrix.</li> <li>If you have confirmed HCPC code is correct, contact Help Desk for assistance.</li> </ol>



## Denial Reason #17: Procedure not on Fee schedule.

**<u>Translation</u>**: You may have entered an incorrect HCPC code or one that is not associated with that level of care.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 181	Denied		Procedure not on fee schedule.





#### Denial Reason #17:

#### **Procedure not on Fee schedule.**

What to do if you	Forms to check:
are a Primary Sage	1. Authorization Form
<u>User (Provider</u>	Troubleshooting steps:
<u>Connect</u> )?	1. Review the SAPC Rates & Standards Matrix to confirm the procedure
	code and modifier are listed for the level of care you are attempting to bill
	for.
	2. If you discover that you attempted to use incorrect code or code with
	incorrect modifier, resubmit using correct code and modifier.
	<ol><li>If unable to resolve, contact Help Desk.</li></ol>
What to do if you	Troubleshooting steps:
are a <u>Secondary</u>	1. Same as above
Sage User?	



## Denial Reason #18: Funding source not eligible on date of service for member.

**<u>Translation</u>**: Date of Service is before the admission date.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO 166	Denied		Funding source not eligible on date of service for member.





#### **Denial Reason #18:**

#### Funding source not eligible on date of service for member.

What to do if you	Forms to check:		
are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	1. Provider Admission Form		
<u>User (Provider</u>	Troubleshooting steps:		
<u>Connect)</u> ?	1. Verify that the date you are attempting to bill for services on falls on or		
	after the date of admission on Provider Admission Form.		
	2. If you discover the admission date is incorrect, contact the help desk to		
	request assistance for options in adjusting this date.		
	3. If the date of service occurred on or after the admission date, resubmit		
	billing with this correct date.		
	<ol><li>Contact Help Desk if not resolved.</li></ol>		
What to do if you	Troubleshooting steps:		
are a <u>Secondary</u>	1. Date of Service is before admission date.		
Sage User?	2. Correct Date of Service or admission date.		
	3. Resubmit claims.		
	4. Contact Help Desk if not resolved.		



## Denial Reason #19: Performing Provider Is Not Registered On Date of Service

<u>Translation</u>: Clinician who provided the service has an enrollment date in Sage after the date of service.

Denial Code	Claim Status	Claim Status Reason	Explanation of Coverage
CO B7	Denied		Performing provider is not registered on date of service.





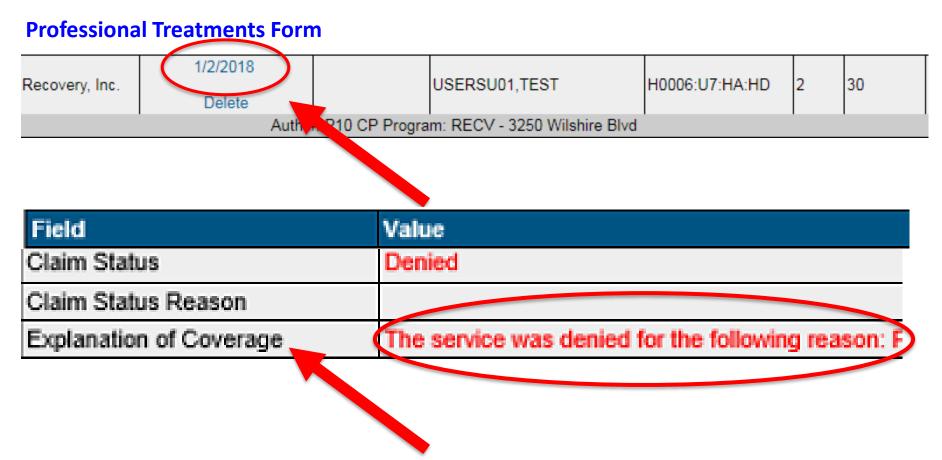
#### **Denial Reason #19:**

#### **Performing Provider Is Not Registered On Date of Service**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u> <u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect)</u> ?	<ul> <li>Forms to check:</li> <li>1. SAGE HelpDesk User Creation Form</li> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Verify the date of hire on newest version of form (registration date on older version).</li> <li>2. Verify if date of hire (registration date on older version) is before or after service delivery date</li> <li>3. Contact Help Desk</li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	Troubleshooting steps: 1. Same as above



## DECODING Your Denials: Understanding What You Are Dealing With





## The Take Away

#### **Initial Troubleshooting Steps Prior to Resubmission of Denied Claims**

What to do if you are a <u>Primary Sage</u>	<u>Forms to check:</u> 1. Professional Treatments Form
<u>User (Provider</u> <u>Connect</u> ) <b>?</b>	<ul> <li>Troubleshooting steps:</li> <li>1. Search for Patient treatments that were denied</li> <li>2. Click on "Tx Date" to view details of claim/treatment</li> <li>3. View Explanation of Coverage for details of denial reason</li> <li>4. Follow steps for that specific Explanation from following slides</li> </ul>
What to do if you are a <u>Secondary</u> <u>Sage User</u> ?	<u>Troubleshooting steps:</u> 1. Review 835 for denial codes.



#### **Sage Denial Decoder Ring**







# CLAIM REPLACEMENT SUBMISSION with CARLA!



## "Big Picture" – Billing Status

 SAPC & Netsmart are acutely aware of billing challenges providers are experiencing and have been working with urgency to reduce denial rates... and will need your help as well!

#### Key Interventions

- Internal dashboard to help track various Sage-related metrics and progress.
- Identification and contacting of providers with high rate of denials to assist with resolution.
- Detailed billing trainings
  - **Billing overview with highlights** (2/8/18 All Provider Meeting slides)
  - **Step-by-step billing instructions** (3/8/18 All Provider Meeting slides)
  - **Billing denial reasons** (4/5/18 All Provider Meeting slides).
  - Expanded review of denial reasons and Claim Resubmission Process (4/18/2018)

Need providers to communicate this information to staff!



### Summary

- Reviewed where to find reasons for denied claims
- Translated Reasons for denied claims
- Provided direction for both primary and secondary Sage users on how to troubleshoot and correct denied claims
- Provided an overview of the Claim Replacement Submission Process.



# Questions?