Competency Add-On Notes

From DODD Workgroup

15-Minute Units

* If staff who provided the service are not eligible for the add-on, the existing 15-minute codes and rules should be used (e.g. APC, AMW, etc.).
* New codes will be used if at least one of the staff providing the service qualifies for the add-on.
* Proposed codes are:
  + AQC EQC FQC
  + AQW EQW FQW
  + AQX EQX FQX
  + AQY EQY FQY
  + AQZ EQZ FQZ
* For these codes, staff size should be changed on the billing record to indicate the number of staff who provided the service and also qualify for the add-on. For example, if two staff provide the service and at least one of them qualify for the add-on, AQW (for an I/O waiver) should be used. If only one staff person qualifies for the add-on, the staff size value should be 1. If both staff qualify for the add-on, the staff size value should be 2.
* The add-on amount is 39 cents per unit per qualified staff member.
* The total unit rate, including all applicable add-ons, will need to be input into the Service Rate field in the claim.
* The number of qualified staff cannot exceed the multi-staff code that the service code indicates. For example, when billing AQX (which indicates 3 staff providing the service), the staff size can be no larger than 3.

Daily Billing Unit

* If staff who provided the service are not eligible for the add-on, the existing ADL code and rules should be used.
* A new code of AQL will be used if at least one of the staff providing the service qualifies for the add-on.
* The DRA file will be updated to include how much of the claim is from the competency add-on.
* DRA will be updated to allow providers to indicate the total number of hours provided by staff who qualify for the add-on.
* DRA will be updated to calculate rates with the add-on. The amount that represents the add-on total will be included separately on the DRA file. This ensures that only the non-add-on values are included in utilization.