

## **CODING TIPS AND REMINDERS**

Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Inc. (Molina Healthcare) is providing the following Coding Tips and Reminders for February 2015.

Please let your dedicated Provider Service Representative know what type of Tips and Reminders you would like to receive. Your Provider Service Representative's contact information can be located on the Provider Service Representative Territory Grid on the Molina Healthcare Provider website: [Provider Service Representative Territory Grid](#)

### **Diagnosis Codes**

- ICD-9 codes designated as “Manifestation codes” are not allowed to be reported as a primary diagnosis. Per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a manifestation code describes the manifestation of an underlying disease, not the disease itself, and therefore, cannot be a principal diagnosis. These services should be billed in addition to the primary disease.
- External Cause of Injury (or E-codes) should also never be billed as a primary diagnosis; this code should be billed in addition to the primary injury/diagnosis.

Your feedback is important to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Provider Services Team  
Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Inc.