# SBAR - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SERVICES UPDATES

## AUC BUSINESS NEED EXPLANATION FORM (SBAR)

### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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REMINDER: Submit the completed SBAR and MCT Decision Tree form via email to the AUC at **health.AUC@state.mn.us**. The MCT Decision Tree is completed for medical coding issues only.

### Section I – SBAR Short Title, Date, and Contact information (Person submitting the SBAR and/or Subject Matter Expert)

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### Section II – SBAR information (Concise and specific description of the issue to be addressed stating the Situation, Background, Assessment, and Recommendation)

**SBAR Issue Title:** PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SERVICES - UPDATES

**S**ITUATION – Describe the current business practice (Please describe the problem or issue to be addressed):

1. See Companion Guide 837P, the table A.5.4.a – Public Health Nurse Clinic Services – corrections needed. Codes are listed in the incorrect column. See below
2. An inquiry to DHS recently asked about PH Nurses. The majority of public health nurse visits are completed in the client’s home or place of residence using S9123. However there are occasions when the nurse visits the client in a different setting such as college or not in the patients home or residence.

**B**ACKGROUND – Explain the pertinent history of the business practice (How does this work today):

See below
**ASSESSMENT** — Summarize your analysis of this issue (what are your challenges, what type of organizations are impacted by these challenges – provider types, health plans, others? Please indicate how this applies to AUC’s mission, vision, values, and strategy. Are there any national or community standards that exist or are being developed that might help address the situation? If so, please explain):

Propose to: 1- corrections to the grid  
2- update the grid to account for ‘other’ places of service for PH nurse services.

**RECOMMENDATION** – What are you recommending, including any known timing that needs to be considered:

Make corrections to the grid as stated above ASAP and consider adding coding and other place of service codes to grid.

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**Table A.5.4.a -- PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CLINIC SERVICES**

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<th>Place of Residence (use appropriate POS)</th>
<th>Public Health Clinic (POS 71)</th>
<th>Other Place of Service (use for other than home or residence, such as school)</th>
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<td>04 - Homeless Shelter</td>
<td>S9123</td>
<td>T1015</td>
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<td>12 - Home</td>
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SEE CODE VERBIAGES BELOW
S9123- Nursing care, in the home; by registered nurse, per hour (use for general nursing care only, not to be used when CPT codes 99500-99602 can be used)

S9445- Patient education, not otherwise classified, nonphysician provider, individual, per session

S9446- Patient education, not otherwise classified, nonphysician provider, group, per session

T1002 - RN services, up to 15 minutes

T1015- Clinic visit/encounter, all-inclusive

T1021- Home health aide or certified nurse assistant, per visit

Section III – AUC Response (Include date SBAR recommendation was reviewed and approved by AUC TAG; coding issue addressed or SBAR issue title; whether TAG accepted or rejected recommendation requested in SBAR; explanation or basis for TAG decision and SBAR response will be placed in recommendation grid or companion guide):

Date [SBAR Response Approved by TAG]: May 14, 2015

Reviewed by [AUC TAG Name]: Medical Code TAG

AUC Co-Chair(s): Faith Bauer

AUC Response:

Discussion/Summary:

The Medical Code TAG reviewed your SBAR titled, “Public Health Nurse Services Updates” over the course of several meetings. The MCT’s analysis of your SBAR recommendations consisted of a thorough review of your SBAR, HCPCS and consultation with the Public Health Nurse Association. Feedback from public health nurses regarding the use of POS 99 to describe place of service other than home or clinic is that additional POS 99 is not needed. PHN services are being provided either in a clinic or the client’s home or place of residence and will always be POS 12, whether the residence is a dormitory, homeless shelter, etc.

Key findings and recommendations:

TAG agreed that a third column will not be added to the A.5.4.a table. The TAG voted unanimously to approve the coding change request: 1) to replace Patient Education only code S9123 to S9445 – individual and S9446 – group for services provide at the Home or Place of Residence; to delete Home Health Aide or CNA, per visit code S9445 and S9446 to replace them with T1021 for services provided at the Public Health Clinic; and 3) to disapprove the request to add a third column for “Other place of service.”

Decision:

The AUC accepted the MCT’s recommendations and approved the recommended coding for Appendix A, Table A.5.4.a - Public Health Nurse Clinic Services be updated in the 837P Minnesota Uniform Companion Guide to reflect the following changes:

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