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The LAAC provides periodic updates to inform members about recent advocacy efforts and to request input from members about their advocacy needs.

### **CMS Proposed Billing Change for Cognitively Impaired Medicare Patients**

CMS has proposed a new billing G code (temporary code GPPP6) for the evaluation and treatment planning services for Medicare patients with a cognitive impairment (i.e., dementia), which would take effect January 1, 2016. This proposed code will reimburse providers who meet a stated set of criteria (i.e., medical decision making of moderate/high complexity), which would ultimately exclude psychologists' ability to bill under this code. The APA Practice Organization (APAPO) and Inter Organizational Practice Committee (IOPC) sent official comment letters ([APAPO Letter](#); [IOPC Letter](#)) to Administrator Slavitt at CMS in response to these concerns. Please stay tuned for future updates on this important matter.