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Provider Types 14 and 82: Billing Instructions for Span Dating of Rehabilitative Mental Health (RMH) Services

For Rehabilitative Mental Health (RMH) services, **non-consecutive dates and services that are not the same unit/time amount** must not be span dated on a single claim line. Providers risk claim denials due to duplicate logic, overlapping dates and/or mutually exclusive edits.

When span dating, services must have been provided on every day within that span of dates and be for the same quantity of units on each day. In the following examples, it would be incorrect to submit a single span-dated claim line for the following services:

- The entire week or month when services were only performed on Thursday and Saturday within the same week; or
- The entire month was billed and services were only rendered on January 1 and January 10 (two days within the same month; see the example below); or
- If one hour, four units, were performed on January 1 and two hours, eight units were performed on January 2.

The claim should only contain dates of service the service was rendered on. If services were rendered January 1, January 5 and January 10, the claim would be submitted as follows with one line charge for each date of service:

01/01/15
01/05/15
01/10/15

When billing weekly or monthly, a single claim line cannot include dates from two calendar months. For example:

- A claim line with dates of service April 15-May 15 is not allowed, but a claim line with May 1-May 31 is acceptable, if services were provided on every day in the date span and the above criteria are met regarding same quantity of units provided on each day.
- A claim line with dates of service March 28-April 3 is not allowed, but one claim line with March 28-March 31 and a second claim line with April 1-April 3 is acceptable, if services were provided on every day in the date span and the above criteria are met regarding same quantity of units provided on each day.

Services billed must match services authorized. For example, if code H0038 with modifier HQ was authorized, this same code/modifier combination must be entered in Field 24D on the CMS-1500 Claim Form.