

PROVIDERALERT



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: March 29, 2023

Subject: Revised Mental Health Rehabilitation Services, Addition Services and Opioid Treatment Programs

Summary: The Louisiana Department of Health has revised chapters for Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (MHR), Addition Services and Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) to the Medicaid Behavioral Health Services Provider (BHSP) Manual.

It is important that you review this information to ensure that you and your agency are complying with these processes. Please refer to the [BHSP manual](#) for details.

Note: New language is underlined. Deleted language has a strikethrough.

Topic and Reference Section/Page	Description
Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (Section 2.3, Pages 154-158)	Staff Supervision for Non-Licensed Staff Providing PSR and CI A maximum of 50% of the individual and group meetings may be telephonic or via a secure Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act HIPAA-compliant online synchronous videoconferencing platform. Texts and/or emails cannot be used as a form of supervision to satisfy this requirement. <u>Any protected health information discussed during supervision must be HIPAA compliant.</u>
Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (Section 2.3, Pages 160-162)	CPST Provider Qualifications Agency Arranges for and maintains documentation that all persons, prior to employment, are free from Tuberculosis (TB) in a communicable state as defined by the LAC 51:II.Chapter 5 to reduce the risk of such infections in members and staff. Results from testing performed over thirty (30) days

	<p>prior to date of employment will not be accepted as meeting this requirement; Staff Pass a TB test prior to employment</p>
<p>Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (Section 2.3, Pages 168-174)</p>	<p>PSR Provider Qualifications Agency Arranges for and maintains documentation that all persons, prior to employment, are free from Tuberculosis (TB) in a communicable state as defined by the LAC 51:II.Chapter 5 to reduce the risk of such infections in members and staff. Results from testing performed over thirty (30) days prior to date of employment will not be accepted as meeting this requirement; Staff Staff rendering PSR services shall be at least three (3) years older than any individual they serve under the age of eighteen (18); Pass a TB test prior to employment</p>
<p>Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (Section 2.3, Page 177-180)</p>	<p>Crisis Intervention (CI) Provider Qualifications Agency Arranges for and maintains documentation that all persons, prior to employment, are free from Tuberculosis (TB) in a communicable state as defined by the LAC 51:II.Chapter 5 to reduce the risk of such infections in members and staff. Results from testing performed over thirty (30) days prior to date of employment will not be accepted as meeting this requirement; Staff Pass a TB test prior to employment</p>
<p>Addiction Services (Section 2.4, Pages 194-195)</p>	<p><u>Telehealth</u> <u>LMHP’s providing assessments, evaluations, individual psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, and medication management services within intensive outpatient or outpatient treatment may be reimbursed when conducted via telecommunication technology. The LMHP is responsible for</u></p>

	<p><u>acting within the telehealth scope of practice as decided by the respective licensing board. The provider must bill the procedure code (CPT codes) with modifier “95”, as well as the correct place of service, either POS 02 (other than home) or 10 (home). Reimbursement will be at the same rate as a face-to-face service. Exclusions: Methadone admission visits conducted by the admitting physician within Opioid Treatment Programs are not allowed via telecommunication technology.</u></p>
<p>Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) (Section 2.4, Page 265)</p>	<p><u>Telehealth</u> <u>LMHP’s providing assessments, evaluations, individual psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, and medication management services offered within Opioid Treatment Programs may be reimbursed when conducted via telecommunication technology. The LMHP is responsible for acting within the telehealth scope of practice as decided by the respective licensing board. The provider must bill the procedure code (CPT codes) with modifier “95”, as well as the correct place of service, either POS 02 (other than home) or 10 (home). Reimbursement will be at the same rate as a face-to-face service. Exclusions: Methadone admission visits conducted by the admitting physician within Opioid Treatment Programs are not allowed via telecommunication technology.</u></p>

Questions:

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