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January 01, 2006
Effective Date

TO: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, Freestanding Mental Health Clinics, Freestanding Medical Clinics, School Based Health Centers, Community Services, Alcohol and Drug Centers, Methadone Clinics, Rehabilitation Centers, Home Health Agencies, Psychiatrists, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors

SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Increased Rates and Fees

The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, Mental Health Clinics, Medical Clinics, School Based Health Centers, Community Services, Alcohol and Drug Centers, Methadone Maintenance Clinics, Rehabilitation Centers, Home Health Agencies and Independent Practitioners that rates and fees under the new Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) have been increased by 3.763% retroactive to January 1, 2006.

Fee schedules

The revised CT BHP fee schedule is retroactive and effective with the dates of service January 1, 2006 and forward and is consistent with the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). The CT BHP Fee Schedule is not attached to this transmittal but can be accessed and downloaded by going to the CT Medical Assistance Program Web Site: www.ctmedicalprogram.com. From this web page go to "Publications," then to "Fee Schedules," then to "Behavioral Health Partnership Fee Schedule." The first fee schedule that appears is for nurse practitioners. Click on the "Bookmark" tab on the left of the fee schedule and select the specific schedule for your practice type.

Behavioral health services that will eventually require authorization or registration are identified in the provider fee schedule with an asterisk (*). However, providers should

refer to the CT BHP Authorization Schedule at www.CTBHP.com for more detailed information regarding authorization requirements.

Additionally, provider-specific rates (PSR) apply to certain services. Letters informing providers of those rates will be sent under separate cover by DSS.

Modifiers

The following providers must bill using modifiers in accordance with the following table:

Provider type/specialty	Modifier
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	SA
License Clinical Social Workers	AJ
Licensed Marital and Family Therapists	HO
Licensed Professional Counselors	HO
Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors	HO
School Based Health Centers	UB
MH Clinics when billing for Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services (IICAPS)	HK

Retroactive Payment

Payment for any services provided for that has been affected by this rate increase will be adjusted accordingly during the next EDS' mass adjustment cycle.

Billing Questions

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules on the EDS web site, contact the EDS Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

In state toll free.....800-842-8440 or
Out of state or in the local New Britain, CT area....860-832-9259

Posting Instructions: Policy transmittals and fee schedules can also be downloaded from EDS Web site at www.ctmedicalprogram.com.

Distribution: This policy transmittal is being distributed to holders of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Provider Manual by Electronic Data Systems. Managed Care Organizations are requested to send this information to their network providers and subcontractors.

Responsible Unit: DSS, Medical Care Administration, Policy and Regulations, Teddi Leslie Creel, Medical Policy Consultant at 860-424-5393.

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