



**Connecticut Department of Social Services
Medical Assistance Program
Provider Bulletin**

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TO: All Hospital and Freestanding Mental Health Clinic Providers

SUBJECT: Coverage for Extended Day Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Services

This bulletin is being sent to all hospital and freestanding mental health clinic providers to explain the circumstances under which licensed Extended Day Treatment programs can provide services and receive reimbursement for Intensive Outpatient Program services rendered to HUSKY A and HUSKY B clients under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP), and to Medicaid fee for service (FFS) clients.

Extended Day Treatment (EDT) programs can provide and receive reimbursement for Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) services if **all** of the following conditions are met:

1. The program is licensed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) as an EDT program and is also covered as a primary or satellite site under an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children license issued by the Department of Children and Families, or a General Hospital or Psychiatric Hospital license issued by the Department of Public Health.
2. The provider is enrolled with the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program as either an outpatient hospital, a Federally Qualified Health Center mental health clinic, or a freestanding mental health clinic.
3. For Medicaid FFS clients, the provider must have their IOP program certified by the Department of Social Services' Medical Review Unit.
4. Services billed as IOP services must meet the Connecticut Medicaid regulatory requirements for freestanding mental health clinic or hospital services, whichever is applicable.
5. Services billed as IOP services include the provision of at least two hours of therapy per day (any combination of individual, family or group).
6. Services billed as IOP services must meet medical necessity and appropriateness requirements for this level of care and have been authorized by the Department or its agent to the extent that such authorization is required.

7. The provision of IOP services does not interfere with the program's ability to provide access to EDT program services in accordance with the terms of the provider's contract with the Department of Children and Families, if any.

A provider may not be paid for EDT and IOP services on the same date for the same client.

Questions about billing authorization for EDT or IOP services under the CT BHP can be directed to 877-552-8247. Questions about authorization for IOP services under Medicaid FFS can be directed to Paul Piccione at 860-424-5160.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at www.ctmedicalprogram.com.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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