



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN UPDATES – NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Over the past few months the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) have been collecting and cataloguing feedback from stakeholders regarding Behavioral Health Redesign. In response to stakeholder concerns, ODM and OhioMHAS are providing updates on the following topics:

- 1) Rate increases for Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) services
- 2) Rate increases for all Evaluation and Management (E&M) services
- 3) Modification of the required years of experience for individuals to render Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)
- 4) Coding guidance for ASAM Outpatient Level of Care 1, SUD Group Counseling

Please keep in mind that all proposed changes are still subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

1) **RN and LPN Nursing Rate Increases**

In accordance with continued feedback from stakeholders, RN and LPN nursing service rates have been increased by 15-20% to address workforce and accessibility concerns.

RN/LPN Nursing Services – mental health	Current Proposed Rate	Updated Proposed Rate
99211 – RN/LPN	\$18.96	\$22.31
H2017 - LPN, Office, per 15 minutes	\$18.92	\$22.54
H2017 – LPN, Home/Cmty, per 15 minutes	\$24.16	\$29.13
H2019 – RN, Office, per 15 minutes	\$27.33	\$31.92
H2019 – RN, Home/Cmty, per 15 minutes	\$34.65	\$41.00
H2019 – RN, Office, Group, per 15 minutes	\$6.83	\$7.98
RN/LPN Nursing Services – substance use disorder	Current Proposed Rate	Updated Proposed Rate
99211 – RN/LPN	\$18.96	\$22.31
T1003 – LPN, Home/Cmty, per 15 minutes	\$24.16	\$29.13
H0014 – LPN, Office, Hourly	\$75.68	\$90.16
T1002 – RN, Office, per 15 minutes	\$27.33	\$31.92
T1002 – RN, Home/Cmty, per 15 minutes	\$34.65	\$41.00
T1002 – RN, Office, Group, per 15 minutes	\$6.83	\$7.98
H0014 – RN, Office, Hourly	\$109.32	\$127.68



2) Evaluation & Management Rate Increases

Additionally, in response to specific stakeholder feedback regarding reimbursement rates for Evaluation and Management (E&M) and workforce capacity, ODM and OhioMHAS are proposing increased rates of more than 17% for E&M services. ODM will seek, as part of the biennial budget process, an amendment to Ohio Revised Code section 5164.70, which currently restricts Medicaid reimbursement rates to be no more than reimbursement rates for the Medicare program. ODM and OhioMHAS are now proposing updated rates for E&M services for community behavioral health providers that will exceed Medicare rates. As a result, these changes will be subject to legislative approval of statutory revision to authorize the proposed changes.

E&M Code for Physician, Physician Assistant and Advance Practice Registered Nurse Services	Current Proposed Rate – MD/DO	Updated Proposed Rate – MD/DO	Current Proposed Rate – PA/APRN	Updated Proposed Rate – PA/APRN
99201	\$41.97	\$49.38	\$35.67	\$41.97
99202	\$71.97	\$84.67	\$61.17	\$71.97
99203	\$104.49	\$122.93	\$88.82	\$104.49
99204	\$160.23	\$188.51	\$136.20	\$160.23
99205	\$201.38	\$236.92	\$171.17	\$201.38
99211	\$18.96	\$22.31	\$18.96	\$22.31
99212	\$41.62	\$48.97	\$35.38	\$41.62
99213	\$70.42	\$82.85	\$59.86	\$70.42
99214	\$103.93	\$122.27	\$88.34	\$103.93
99215	\$140.37	\$165.15	\$119.31	\$140.37
99341	\$54.10	\$63.65	\$45.99	\$54.10
99342	\$78.03	\$91.80	\$66.33	\$78.03
99343	\$128.18	\$150.80	\$108.95	\$128.18
99344	\$179.16	\$210.78	\$152.29	\$179.16
99345	\$217.23	\$255.57	\$184.65	\$217.23
99347	\$54.40	\$64.00	\$46.24	\$54.40
99348	\$82.77	\$97.38	\$70.35	\$82.77
99349	\$125.93	\$148.16	\$107.04	\$125.93
99350	\$174.92	\$205.79	\$148.68	\$174.92

Note: Rates for E&M add-on codes will not be affected.

3) TBS Years of Experience

ODM and OhioMHAS have updated their policy on experience required for Qualified Mental Health Specialists (QMHSs) to provide TBS. QMHSs without a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in a relevant field will be required to have a minimum of 3 years of experience in order to provide TBS. **The 3 years of experience in a relevant field can be achieved at any time, not solely on or before July 1, 2017.** Additional details related to the updated policy are:



- TBS years of experience are not restricted to a single agency, do not have to be contiguous, and must be documented in the agency employment record.
- In addition, the employing agency's policy can be more restrictive than state guidelines.

Note: TBS is currently proposed to be provided by any unlicensed practitioner with a Bachelor's/Master's degree in a relevant field.

4) Coding Guidance on ASAM Outpatient Level of Care 1 SUD Group Counseling

Two billing codes are available for SUD group counseling provided by a licensed practitioner as part of the ASAM Level 1 outpatient level of care.

- a. Code 90853 - Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group).
 - Service may be rendered by a licensed practitioner providing psychotherapy in a group setting.
 - 90853 may be billed when the service provided complies with AMA/CMS billing guidance and the session is 52 minutes or less.
 - National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edit of 1 encounter per person per day.
 - \$21.63 per encounter licensed practitioner and \$25.45 per encounter SUD physician.
- b. Code H0005 HK - SUD Group counseling 15-minute unit for SUD licensed practitioners who are not physicians.
 - H0005 may only be billed when a group session is 53 minutes or more and the practitioner bills for the correct number of 15-minute increments following AMA/CMS billing guidance.
 - \$7.21 per 15-minute unit.
- c. Code H0005 AF - SUD Group counseling 15-minute unit for SUD physicians.
 - H0005 may only be billed when a group session led by a physician is 53 minutes or more and the practitioner bills for the correct number of 15-minute increments following AMA/CMS billing guidance.
 - \$8.48 per 15-minute unit.

Upcoming Overview Opportunity

The State will hold a 1-hour webinar on Thursday, November 10th, to review these policy updates and proposed rate changes with interested stakeholders in advance of the November 30th Benefit and Service Development Work Group meeting. Webinar information is:

- **Date/Time: Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm**
- **Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8878212625677941251>**
Bridge Line: 888.850.4523 Participant Pass Code: 756902
 - **NOTE: We do not use the webinar system for audio, please call the bridge line.**



Benefit and Service Development Work Group Meeting Reminder

The next Benefit and Service Development Workgroup meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. *Please note that this meeting is scheduled from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in Room C621 A and B at the Lazarus Building in Columbus.* A meeting confirmation, agenda, and any additional materials will be sent in advance along with information on registering to attend remotely by webinar.

We look forward to connecting with you during the upcoming webinar. Thank you for your continued engagement in Ohio's Behavioral Health Redesign initiative.

