

Policy and Training Updates

Behavioral Health Redesign Policy Updates

At the request of Ohio behavioral health provider stakeholders, ODM has agreed to the following changes in the policy governing behavioral health claims for dates of service in order to ensure that Medicaid consumers continue to have broad access to behavioral health services:

- Place of Service 99 “Community” will be allowed for Individual Psychotherapy CPT Codes 90832, 90834, 90837
- Hourly and per diem Medicaid rate for MH day treatment performed by Qualified Mental Health Specialists with 3 or more years of experience (QMHS +3) will be increased to match the rate for practitioners with a bachelor’s degree
- More than one “per diem” unit of MH Day Treatment may be rendered on the same day to the same client when it is performed by two different provider agencies. This is only available after documenting medical necessity and obtaining prior authorization from the ODM vendor.
- ODM will not require hospitals to convert their community BH provider status to hospital outpatient by January 1, 2018, and will not terminate provider types 84 and 95 for hospital associated providers, unless requested by the provider. Providers must bill BH services either as an outpatient hospital or as a community mental health/SUD agency.
- Provider type 21 can be used for agencies providing Children’s Intensive Behavioral Service (CIBS)

Benefit and Service Development Work Group Meeting was held on June 7th. The presentation from that meeting is now available on the bh.medicaid.ohio.gov web site [here](#).

Update on Recent Behavioral Health Training

Resources are available at bh.medicaid.ohio.gov for two training webinars held during the week of May 22nd:

- “401 Behavioral Health Redesign” held on Monday, May 22nd, had 800 participants in this comprehensive review of policy, rates, and regulations for BH Redesign. Over 120 questions were asked and answered via the webinar. The slide deck is posted on the bh.medicaid.ohio.gov web site under “Training Opportunities.” The webinar recording will be fully posted shortly (Parts 1 and 2 are already available).
- “How to Enter a Prior Authorization for ACT, IHBT and SUD” held on Tuesday, May 23rd, had 480 participants. The slide deck and the recording of the webinar are posted to the bh.medicaid.ohio.gov web site under “Training Opportunities.” Over 50 questions were asked and answered during the webinar. To supplement this information, ODM staff are developing a “Frequently Asked Questions” document.

MITS Basic Billing Training for BH Agency Staff to be Rescheduled

The MITS Basic Billing Training for BH Agency Staff originally scheduled for June 14th and June 27th are cancelled and will be rescheduled for future dates. New training dates will be announced via the MITS Bits and the bh.medicaid.ohio.gov web site.