

Enrollment of Dependently Licensed and Unlicensed Practitioners and Addition of Temporary Procedure Code

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To comply with federal law¹, the Ohio Department of Medicaid will expand the types of practitioners required to enroll as Medicaid providers and be affiliated with their employing agency. This requirement will apply to the practitioners listed below if they are employed by Community Mental health and/or Substance Use Disorder agencies certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS):

- Licensed Social Worker (LSW)
- Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II and III (LCDC II and LCDC III)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Psychology Assistant
- Social Worker Trainee (SW-T)
- Social Worker Assistant (SW-A)
- Marriage & Family Therapist Trainee (MFT-T)
- Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDC-A)
- Counselor Trainee (C-T)
- Qualified Mental Health Specialists (QMHS)
- Care Management Specialists (CMS)
- Peer Recovery Specialists (PRS)

This requirement will become effective on July 1, 2018, and will be applied to all Medicaid claims submitted for dates of service July 1, 2018, and thereafter. The claims will be required to include the national provider identifier (NPI) or 7-digit Medicaid ID of the rendering practitioner for each service.

ODM and OhioMHAS are designing the MITS provider types and specialties for the newly enrolling practitioner types. The Departments will provide more specific information at a later time. **In the meantime, practitioners who qualify to apply for and obtain an NPI are encouraged to apply for one through the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES):** <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/>.

Addition of Temporary Procedure Code

For dates of service January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, ODM will implement a temporary solution for situations when the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure-to-procedure (PTP) edits would prevent more than one dependently licensed practitioner from providing psychotherapy services to the same client on the same day.

When two medically necessary therapy services are furnished by two different dependently licensed practitioners to the same patient on the same day and multiple 908XX CPT codes are billed, the NCCI PTP edits will deny one of the services. ODM will address this issue by temporarily adding the H0004 Behavioral Health Counseling code to the Mental Health

¹ Per 45 CFR § 160.103

Benefit and allow it to be used in lieu of one of the CPT codes so that two separate psychotherapy services may be rendered to the same patient on the same day and be paid correctly. ODM will also add H0004 for use by dependently licensed practitioners as part of the SUD benefit to accommodate similar circumstances. This coding change is temporary and will only be effective for dates of service through June 30, 2018. The requirement for dependently licensed practitioners to be identified using their NPI on all Medicaid claims will begin for dates of service beginning July 1, 2018.

The IT documents that are currently posted on the Behavioral Health Redesign website will be updated to reflect this temporary solution. The addition of H0004 to the Mental Health benefit is shown in the first table below and modifications to H0004 under the SUD benefit are highlighted in the subsequent tables.

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(Valid for dates of service 1/1/2018 through 6/30/2018)					
Service	Provider Type	Code	Practitioner Modifier	Procedure Modifier	Rate
Behavioral Health Counseling	LSW LMFT LPC	H0004	U4 U5 U2		\$22.50
	LSW LMFT LPC	H0004	U4 U5 U2	HQ	\$9.87
Unit Value	15 minutes				
Permitted POS	03, 04, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 31, 32, 34, 53, 57, 99 H0004 UT – 23, 99 also available				

SUD					
Service	Provider Type	Code	Practitioner Modifier	Procedure Modifier	Rate
Behavioral Health Counseling	LSW * LMFT * LPC * LCDC III, LCDC II *	H0004	U4 U5 U2 U3	UT when provided to a patient in crisis	\$22.50
	PSY assistant	H0004	U1	UT when provided to a patient in crisis	\$19.31
	SW-T	H0004	U9	UT when provided to a patient in crisis	\$19.31
	MFT-T	H0004	UA	UT when provided to a patient in crisis	\$19.31
	CDC-A	H0004	U6	UT when provided to a patient in crisis	\$19.31

	C-T	H0004	U7	UT when provided to a patient in crisis	\$19.31
Unit Value	15 minutes				
Permitted POS	03, 04, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 31, 32, 34, 57 H0004 UT - POS 23, 99 also available		Secure video conferencing allowed with GT modifier.		

*SUD H0004 will be available for licensed dependent practitioners until June 30, 2018. After such time, these practitioners will report their NPI as rendering for CPT counseling codes.