

January 14, 2011

Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Moderate Level Therapeutic Family Care Providers

Effective January 15, 2011

Procedure Code Changes to Current Prior Authorizations and Billing Instructions

Children's Mental Health Bureau (CMHB) is giving the following instructions to providers of moderate level therapeutic family care (TFC).

1. Please send your agency's e-mail address and a contact name and phone number to Diane White at dwhite@mt.gov by January 19, 2011.
2. CMHB will e-mail the contact person a secure transfer file containing a list of the youths with open prior authorizations (initial or continued stay) for moderate level TFC for your agency. (Open prior authorization (PA) means current PAs for TFC services on or after January 15, 2011.)
3. As soon as you receive this list, identify which youths on the list are in TFC and which youths are in therapeutic foster care (TFOC).
4. The CMHB's fiscal officer will update each youth's PA in MMIS with the new procedure code for TFC (H2020) and the number of days remaining on the open PA on or past the effective date of the new rule, January 15, 2011.

The reimbursement rate is the same for both moderate level TFC and TFOC. However, TFC is provided in adoptive, regular foster care, kinship, or biological homes, and TFOC is provided in therapeutic foster care homes.

The current procedure code and modifier for moderate level TFC is S5145 HR. Beginning on January 15, 2011, the new procedure code will be H2020. After the PA is updated, you can use the same PA number to bill for TFC services. However, you will need to use the new procedure code H2020 on your TFC claim.

Example

If you had a moderate TFC continued-stay authorization #123456789 for 90 days from 10/18/10 to 1/15/11, PA #123456789 would be updated so 1 day, 1/15/11, would be on the new procedure code H2020.

From 10/18/10 to 1/14/11, 89 days would be billed with PA #123456789 using procedure code S5145 HR. For date of service 1/15/11 you would use the same PA number and new

Procedure Code H2020 on your claim to match the new TFC procedure code change on your PA. You can bill for January 2011 TFC services on one claim using PA #123456789, 1/1/11 to 1/14/11 with procedure code and modifier S5145 HR, and 1/15/11 using H2020. If you request a continued-stay authorization for moderate level TFC, you would request another 90 days from 1/16/11 to 4/15/11 and use procedure code H2020.

The procedure code and modifier will not change for moderate level TFOC; therefore, open PAs for moderate level TFOC will not be changed January 15, 2011. The procedure code for moderate level TFOC will still be S5145 HR.

CMHB needs the list of youths with an open PA for TFC back by January 24, 2011, so the PAs can be updated in MMIS by January 31, 2011. Please do not bill for moderate level TFC services between 1/15/11 and 1/31/11 while authorizations are being updated by CMHB.

When you receive the list from CMHB, if you have youths authorized for moderate level TFC who are not on the list, please add their names, PA numbers, and Social Security number to the list and e-mail the list back to CMHB as soon as possible through the secure transfer file e-mail system, or fax the list back to CMHB at 444-0230.

Contact Information

If you have questions about these instructions, contact Diane White, CMHB, at 444-1535.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

1-800-624-3958 (Toll-free in- and out-of-state)

(406) 442-1837 (Helena)

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