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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Psychologists, Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Mental Health Centers, and Psychiatrists

Effective Immediately

Requesting Additional Therapy Sessions

The following provides clarification of the updated process for requesting additional therapy sessions over the 24 units available for Medicaid members.

Medicaid law in Montana describes mental health services for adults in Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 37.88.101.

Under Montana Medicaid rules (ARM 37.85.410), a maximum of 24 sessions may be reimbursed per state fiscal year for individual and family outpatient therapy. Prior authorization for sessions beyond 24 is required when medical necessity requirements are satisfied.

The provider may complete an Exception to 24 Sessions Request Form available on the DPHHS website and the Forms page of the Provider Information [website](#).

This notice and request form are also on the Magellan Medicaid Administration (MMA) website at <http://montana.fhsc.com>. (On the *Providers* tab, under the heading *Adult Program*, select *Forms*.) Clinical documentation can accompany the form via secure fax to 406-444-7391 or via secure e-mail to HHSAMDDMHSPwaiver@mt.gov.

If additional sessions are authorized, a prior authorization number will be assigned by the DPHHS Addictive and Mental Disorders Division.

If more intensive services are needed, please complete the Montana Adult Intensive Outpatient Therapy Services Prior Authorization Request Form (three services combined). The form is also located on the [MMA website](#) as indicated above.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Bernadette Miller at 444-3356 or bmiller3@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at <http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/>.