



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

July 15, 2022

Therapeutic Group Home Providers

Effective August 1, 2022

CMHB Billing Information

Billing for Therapeutic Home Visits While a Youth Is in a Therapeutic Group Home

Beginning August 1, 2022, Therapeutic Group Home (TGH) services, including Therapeutic Home Visits (THVs), will require prior authorization.

A THV is an opportunity to assess the ability of a youth in residential treatment to successfully transition home or to a less restrictive level of care. THV days are reimbursable to the facility and are paid at the same rate as the residential stay. The THV modifier must be used for both day and overnight visits, and the maximum THV benefit is 14 days per youth per state fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). A THV over 3 days must be prior authorized. A prior authorization (PA) number will be issued by Telligen.

The TGH procedure code S5145 with THV modifier U5 must be billed with the THV prior authorization on a claim separate from the residential stay. The claims system can only accept one prior authorization number per claim. If the THV was less than 3 days, a prior authorization is not required, and the claim should be billed without one.

For more information on THVs, refer to the Children’s Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Provider Services Manual on the [Children’s Mental Health Manuals and Guides webpage](#).

Contact Information

If you have questions, please contact Children’s Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Program Officer Brittany Craig at (406) 444-6018 or Brittany.Craig@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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