



July 8, 2013

Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Physician, Mid-Level Practitioner, RHC, FQHC, School, IHS, TCM, TFC, TGH, Psychiatrist, Public Health Clinic, Outpatient Hospital, Mental Health Center, PRTF, Licensed Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Licensed Professional Counselor

Psychiatrist Service Reimbursement Change and Timely Billing Requirement

On June 20, 2013, the Secretary of State adopted Montana Administrative Register (MAR) 37-636 pertaining to revision of fee schedules for Medicaid provider rates. Fee schedule changes to Medicaid provider rates are effective July 1, 2013.

MAR 37-636 changes the rate variable given to psychiatrists who receive an enhanced Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) payment. The rate variable is not sensitive to the date of service of the submitted claim. In order to implement this change, the rate variable will not be changed until September 1, 2013. This delay in implementation will allow time for psychiatrists to submit their claims for services provided prior to July 1, 2013, and have them paid at the 2012 rate of reimbursement. On September 1, 2013, the rate variable will be changed and all claims processed after that (including adjustments) will be reimbursed at the 2013 rate.

Every effort should be made to bill for psychiatric services provided prior to July, 1 2013, before the September 1, 2013, change to prevent these claims from paying at the 2013 rate. Any claims processed between July 1, 2013 and September 1, 2013, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013, will be paid at the 2012 rate and then adjusted to the 2013 percent rate when the rate variable is changed on September 1, 2013.

Claims with dates of service prior to July 1, 2013, submitted after September 1, 2013, will not be adjusted and reimbursed at the 2012 percent level.

See the Provider Information website for the fee schedule.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this provider notice, contact Jamie Stolte, Children's Mental Health, at 406-444-7392 or JStolte@mt.gov or Tom Nielson, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, at 406-444-3356 or TomNielson@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 Provider Information website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov>.