



February 5, 2014

# Montana Health Care Programs Notice

**Mental Health Centers, Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPCs), and Therapeutic Foster Care Providers**

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**Effective February 6, 2014**

## Interactive Audio and Video Mental Health Services for Licensed Psychologists, LCPCs, and LCSWs

Licensed psychologists, LCPCs, and LCSWs are allowed to provide outpatient mental health services through interactive video systems.

Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 37.88.205, ARM 37.88.305, and ARM 37.88.605(6) state: “Services provided through interactive video systems are considered to be face-to-face services and are covered and reimbursed in the same fashion as in-person services. Telephone contacts are not a licensed clinical social worker service.”

For the purposes of claims data collection, the Department intends to track services provided through interactive video systems. Effective February 6, 2014, licensed psychologists, LCPCs, and LCSWs must attach the modifier GT to all outpatient psychotherapy codes provided via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems. The Department may audit future records to assess if modifier GT is being used accurately.

For professional and ethical guidance regarding services provided via interactive video systems, licensed psychologists, LCPCs and LCSWs must follow each boards and licensure rules.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Olsen Stolte at 406.444.7392 or [jstolte@mt.gov](mailto:jstolte@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](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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