Licensed Addiction Counselors

Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC) are eligible to enroll with Montana Healthcare Programs in the following circumstances:

- If the LAC is employed by a Rural Health Center (RHC), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or an Indian Health Service/Tribal 638 facility (IHS); or
- If the LAC has a Full State Approved Chemical Dependency Program.

  a. Provider will need to obtain an Organization NPI number

LACs Employed by FQHCs, and RHCs

Enrollment

For FQHC/RHC providers that employ a LAC must submit a change in scope of service and a copy of the providers Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Award Notice, form 5a-service details to the department prior to the revenue code being turned on for reimbursement. If your facility type is a, Urban Indian FQHC and RHC, which does not file a change is scope of service with HRSA, please notify the department is writing to submit a change in scope of service.

Enrollment for the Licensed Addiction Counselor will be completed utilizing the full provider enrollment application but the LAC will be set up as a rendering only provider.

  o The full application is utilized at this time but tax and banking data is removed from the final file used, because at this time LAC providers are not eligible to bill as individual providers.

Additional enrollment information can be found within the Montana Healthcare Programs ProviderWebpage (http://www.medicaidprovider.mt.gov/providerenrollment).

Billing and Reimbursement

Upon approval of the change in scope of service, bill revenue code 944 for substance use disorder services. This revenue code should accompany the appropriate CPT codes. For the face-to-face encounter with a LAC, FQHC/RHCs will be reimbursed at the facility prospective payment system (PPS) rate.

Allowable CPT code and descriptions:

- H0001 – Assessment/Evaluation
- H0004 – Individual Therapy
- H2035 – Group Therapy

The LAC is listed as the attending provider with the following boxes with the UB-04 or 837I X12 Paper UB-04 Attending Provider Name and Identifiers: FL 76
Electronic 837I: Loop 2310A under NM1*71
LACs Employed by IHS/Tribal 638 programs

Enrollment
IHS/Tribal 638 programs providing substance use disorder services may bill Medicaid for Medicaid eligible members. Keep in mind that tribal programs are required to have a 638 contract in place with IHS prior to billing Medicaid for services.

Enrollment for the Licensed Addiction Counselor will be completed utilizing the full Medicaid provider enrollment application but the LAC will be set up as a rendering only provider.
- The full application is utilized at this time but tax and banking data is removed from the final file, because at this time LAC providers are not eligible to bill as individual providers.

Additional enrollment information can be found within the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Webpage (http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/providerenrollment).

Billing and Reimbursement
Revenue Code 944 is used to bill for substance use disorder services in conjunction with the following procedure codes:

- H0001 Assessment/Evaluation
- H0004 Individual Therapy
- H2035 Group Therapy

The LAC is listed as the attending provider with the following boxes with the UB-04 or 837I X12 Paper UB-04 Attending Provider Name and Identifiers: FL 76 Electronic 837I: Loop 2310A under NM1*71

LACs as a Full State Approved Chemical Dependency Program
Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC) who have received a Full State Approved Chemical Dependency Program status are eligible to enroll with Montana Medicaid under Provider Type 32 – Chemical Dependency Program with an organization NPI number.

Enrollment
For LACs (individual or otherwise) seeking to bill Medicaid, the individual must apply and become a State Approved Chemical Dependency Program. State Approval Application, Supplement and Review forms are found at: http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/substanceabuse/cdprovider-manualinvoice#581466509-state-approval.

Once a Full State Approved Chemical Dependency Program Certificate is issued and an Organization NPI number is obtained, enrollment will be completed utilizing the full Medicaid provider enrollment application as a Provider Type 32 – Chemical Dependency Program.

- The full application is utilized and the LAC with a Full State Approval Status is eligible to bill under the requirements of a Chemical Dependency Center.

Additional enrollment information can be found within the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Webpage (http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/providerenrollment).
Billing and Reimbursement

LACs billing under Provider Type 32 - State Approved Chemical Dependency Programs are limited to procedure codes and requirements found under “Chemical Dependency” at the following website: http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/providertype.

Contact Information

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Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at www.medicaidprovider.mt.gov.