



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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All Children's Mental Health Providers

Effective Immediately

THB 589 TCM Data Collection

Billing Clarification for HB 589 TCM Data Collection

Pursuant to HB 589, the Department of Public Health and Human Services shall monitor the status of children receiving Targeted Case Management (TCM) services in the children's mental health system each fiscal year to determine whether, after receiving services, the children are able to remain at home, in school, and out of trouble.

Targeted case managers are required to monitor this information as part of the four core reimbursable activities. The department created a data template and point in time process to collect HB 589 information.

TCM providers asked the department to clarify whether the data collection process is reimbursable as a TCM service.

Gathering accurate responses to the survey could result in reimbursable case management activities. Case managers may need to call the family, probation, CPS, the school or review clinical records in order to answer the questions. [These activities are as consistent with the federal guidelines found at https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/42/440.169.](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/42/440.169)

A description of monitoring is referenced below:

[§440.169 Case management services \(4\)](#) states “Monitoring and follow-up activities, including activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure that the care plan is effectively implemented and adequately addresses the needs of the eligible individual and which may be with the individual, family members, service providers, or other entities or individuals and conducted as frequently as necessary, and including at least one annual monitoring, to help determine whether the following conditions are met:

- (i) Services are being furnished in accordance with the individual's care plan.
- (ii) Services in the care plan are adequate.
- (iii) There are changes in the needs or status of the eligible individual. Monitoring and follow-up activities include making necessary adjustments in the care plan and service arrangements with providers.

The technical task of adding the data to the spreadsheet is not a TCM reimbursable activity. It is consistent with writing a progress note which is not billable according to ARM 37.87.809 (3).

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