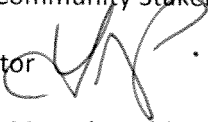




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To: Ohio Mental Health Community Stakeholders
From: Tracy J. Plouck, Director 
Subject: SFY 2012 Community Mental Health Medicaid Updates

The purpose of this communication is to provide a summary of where we are with the Medicaid benefit package implementation and other cost containment initiatives scheduled for implementation in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012. These initiatives were detailed in an earlier memorandum dated April 26, 2011, which can be found at <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/assets/medicaid/cost-containment-memo.pdf>

CPST Payment Policy Change: Ohio Administrative Code rule 5101:3-27-05 is being emergency filed to be effective July 1, 2011. This rule is being amended to implement a change to the payment policy for community psychiatric support treatment service (CPST). Specifically, the rule reduces reimbursement for CPST services provided in excess of six units (90 minutes) delivered by the same provider to the same client within the same 24 hour day. Services provided in excess of 6 units (90 minutes) will be reimbursed at the lower of the provider's usual and customary charge or 50% of the Medicaid maximum rate. Individual and group CPST will be treated separately. The clearance notice related to the regular filing of this rule has been released by ODJFS and can be found at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/clearances/public/index.aspx>. Deadline for comments is July 4, 2011.

Service Limitations & SC Modifier (Soft Authorization): ODJFS has not yet issued the consumer notice. ODMH will not be implementing the service limitation, and therefore the soft authorization process, until 15 days after the consumer notice has been postmarked. We will issue a communication to the field indicating the implementation date of the service limits that will also include a copy of the consumer notice once it is available. ODJFS will also file an emergency rule to authorize the service package changes once we are able to move forward. The timing of the availability of the web portal will coincide with implementation of the service limits and the soft authorization process. Please note that the benefit limits will remain the same as discussed through the budget process and will not be pro-rated with the delay in implementation.

Prior Authorization: ODMH is currently reviewing, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, responses to the RFP related to prior authorization for CPST and partial hospitalization services. Once we have selected the vendor, we will determine the specific implementation date of the prior authorization process, in conjunction with the consumer notice and

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filing of administrative rule. ODMH, in partnership with the selected vendor, will provide training in advance of the implementation. In addition, the budget contains language which describes circumstances under which certain children involved with child welfare and the juvenile courts are determined to have met the requirements of the prior authorization process. We are currently working on options for implementing this provision of the budget and will communicate with the field once details are known.

V-code Limitations: Effective July 1, 2011, the use of v-codes will be limited. The following v-codes will be accepted when associated with claims for mental health assessment only: V61.20 (parent child relationship problem); V61.21 (neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse of child); and V62.82 (bereavement). Edits will be established within MACSIS to disallow any other claims with v-codes with the exception of crisis intervention.

Mental Health Services Provided To Residents of Nursing Facilities: ODMH will not be filing emergency rules related to services provided to long-term residents of nursing facilities as originally proposed in our April 26, 2011 communication. Changes related to nursing facility reimbursement are included in the biennial budget and this will have an impact on providers billing the community mental health benefit for nursing home residents. We will be working with ODJFS as they implement this language, and we will certainly provide additional information and guidance as it becomes available.

I have appreciated everyone's feedback and cooperation as we developed the budget and throughout the entire budget process. In addition, I want to thank all of those who attended the Medicaid benefit package and cost containment trainings earlier this month. Your feedback during the sessions was very valuable as we worked toward finalizing implementation details. As a reminder, the training information can be found at the following website:

<http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/assets/medicaid/mental-health-benefits-training-presentation.pdf>. In addition, a frequently asked questions document related to the benefit package and cost containment initiatives can be found at: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/assets/medicaid/cost-containment-faqs.pdf>.

Please feel free to contact me or Angie Bergefurd, Assistant Deputy Director in the ODMH Office of Medicaid, if you have any questions related to this communication. If you have specific questions related to the implementation of any of the areas listed above, you can also submit questions to the ODMH Office of Medicaid at Medicaid@mh.ohio.gov.

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