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Subject: Outpatient Behavioral Health Visits

Effective: October 1, 2017

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

Purpose

In order to provide greater access and to support coordination of care for behavioral health services, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will remove the 20-visit maximum limitation for outpatient behavioral health services (psychotherapy services). The restriction is lifted for both Fee-for-Service and Medicaid Health Plan beneficiaries effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2017.

Covered Services

Providers may provide and bill only for those services that are within the scope of practice of their profession. Procedure codes used for covered services are subject to change. Providers should refer to the MDHHS website for the current list of covered service procedure codes, which are updated on an annual basis or more frequently if changes are applicable. It is expected that providers will follow correct coding procedures. Appropriate claim processing edits will be applied to all claims including, but not limited to, Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) and Procedure to Procedure (PTP) editing.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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