



Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) No. 3352-19-04

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**TO: All Hospital Providers
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services**

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**SUBJECT: Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health (OPHBH) Services Updates -
August 1, 2019**

Summary

This Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) provides information pertaining to rate adjustments effective August 1, 2019, as part of the continued refinement of the Behavioral Health (BH) Redesign. The rate adjustments are intended to help stabilize the provider network and support continued access to Ohioans in need of addiction and mental health treatment. These updates apply to Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health (OPHBH) providers.

Payment Rate Changes

ODM is implementing targeted fee schedule increases to address services that were significantly impacted by BH Redesign. Payment rate increases will be implemented on August 1, 2019 for:

- Crisis Services. See ODM fee schedule for impacted billing codes and new rates.
 - 90832 with modifier KX
 - 90839 – 90840
 - H0004 with modifier KX
 - H2017 with modifier KX
 - H2019 with modifier KX

- Group Psychotherapy and Group Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) for MH and Group Counseling for Substance Use Disorder (SUD). See ODM fee schedule for impacted billing codes and new rates.
 - 90849
 - 90853
 - H0005
 - H2012
 - H2019
 - H2020
 - T1002

- Evaluation and Management Services and Diagnostic Psychiatric Evaluations provided by Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants will be paid at 100% of the Medicaid maximum rate. This is an increase from the current policy of 85% and are reflected on ODM's fee schedule.
 - 90791-90792
 - 99201-99205
 - 99212-99215
 - 99341-99350

Additional BH Redesign Policy Updates

ODM is implementing several additional policy changes effective August 1, 2019:

- Addition of billing codes to allow BH providers to provide smoking cessation services. CPT codes 99406 and 99407 will be allowed for OPHBH providers. The rates are reflected on ODM's fee schedule.
 - 99406-99407
- Addition of pregnancy test code 81025. The pregnancy test rate is reflected on ODM's fee schedule. The provider will need to have at a minimum CLIA waived test certification.
 - 81025
 - Procedure modifier QW (CLIA waived test) added to the modifiers list
- Allowing licensed behavioral health clinicians to render Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). Currently only unlicensed clinicians can bill for TBS. Additional providers are added to the fee schedule.
 - H2019

Access to Rules and Related Information

To access ODM Fee Schedule and Rates, go to medicaid.ohio.gov > Providers > Fee Schedule and Rates > Click "I Agree" > Select "Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health Services".

Information about the services and programs of the Department may be accessed through the Department's main webpage: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov> .

- Stakeholders who want to receive notification when the Department original or final files a rule package may visit JCARR's RuleWatch at www.rulewatchohio.gov where an account can be created to be notified of rule actions by rule number or department.
- Stakeholders can subscribe to receive notification when a clearance or BIA is posted for public comment on the Ohio Business Gateway here: <https://www.apps.das.ohio.gov/RegReform/enotify/subscription.aspx>

Information about hospital payment policies may be accessed through the Department main web page (<http://medicaid.ohio.gov> > Providers > Fee Schedule and Rates >Click "I Agree").

Additional Information

Questions pertaining to this letter should be addressed to:

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