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Behavioral Health Services not in an IEP

Effective TBD, behavioral health services that are not a part of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are covered in a school as a place of service. The place of service for school is 03. Applied Behavioral Analysis Services are not covered in the school place of service.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Services are considered school-based IEP direct services when they are included in an IEP as defined by IDEA. MO HealthNet covered school-based IEP direct services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, private duty nursing, personal care, hearing aid, and behavioral health services. Behavioral health services provided through an IEP under the IDEA continue to be the responsibility of the school district in regard to the required state match.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

When behavioral health services are provided under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and not through an IEP under IDEA, to a child who is otherwise MO HealthNet eligible, those services may be billed by a MO HealthNet eligible provider under this provision, if all requirements have been met.

Place of Service – School

Effective immediately, all MO HealthNet covered services provided on school grounds, including behavioral health services, are to be billed with the place of service code 03 which is

the place of service code for school. This includes services provided in a school-based health clinic located on school property.

Guidelines and Limitations – Behavioral Health Services not in an IEP

The following apply to non-IEP behavioral health services provided in school:

- School districts are strongly encouraged to establish a formal agreement (MOU) with any provider who will provide services on school property. The school district has discretion over which providers are allowed to provide services on school property.
- Providers must be enrolled as a MO HealthNet fee-for-service program provider or with the particular Managed Health Care Plan depending on the child's MO HealthNet coverage.
- All behavioral health services provided by a MO HealthNet and/or MCO enrolled provider, to an otherwise eligible child with the intent to bill MHD, require parental/legal guardian consent, except in those cases referenced in RsMO 430.061 & RsMO 431.056.
- Providers will need to contact the child's respective MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan to obtain coverage guidelines and limitations for children whose services are covered through the Managed Care Program.
- Each child must have a treatment plan and the plan must specify how parents will be engaged in the behavioral health services provided to their child.
- School personnel designated by the district must approve and coordinate time and place for services within the school.
- Providers may reference the Behavioral Health Manual at: http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_psy/print.pdf to obtain coverage guidelines and limitations for children whose services are reimbursed through the fee-for-service program.

Eligibility Check

MO HealthNet eligible participants, including children, receive services either through MO HealthNet's fee-for-service program or through one of three managed care health plans. It is the service provider's responsibility to verify coverage for a date of service. To determine if a child is covered on a date of service and the child's type of coverage (managed care or fee-for-service), providers must verify eligibility via the Internet or by using the interactive voice response (IVR) system by calling (573) 751-2896 and keying in the MHD participant identification (ID) number shown on the face of the child's MHD ID card.

Provider Enrollment – Fee-For-Service Program

In order for MO HealthNet to reimburse for services provided to a child covered through the fee-for-service program, the individual performing the service must be a MO HealthNet

enrolled provider. In addition, if the performing provider's services are to be billed by the school district or by another entity (i.e. clinic), that school district or other entity must also be enrolled as a MO HealthNet Provider.

School districts cannot bill for non-IEP services under the same national provider identifier (NPI) and taxonomy as IEP services. School districts that want to bill for non-IEP services must either obtain a new NPI or a new taxonomy for their current NPI. Once the new NPI or taxonomy is obtained, the school district will need to complete an on-line enrollment application at <https://peu.momed.com/peu/momed/presentation/commongui/PeHome.jsp>

MO HealthNet Managed Care Health Plans

As outlined in the *Services in an Educational Setting* section of the Managed Care contract, MO HealthNet Managed Care health plans are responsible for all MO HealthNet covered services provided within schools that are not part of an IEP under the IDEA. This includes services provided at a school-based health clinic.

To be reimbursed for services provided to a child covered through a MHD managed care health plan, the provider performing the services must be enrolled with the individual managed care health plan. A provider must contact the managed care health plan to enroll. Information for contacting each managed care health plan may be found at the following web site: <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/managed-care-providers.htm> .

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896