

Billing Properly for Behavioral Health Services Resource Guide

January 2016

This is a list of some resources that providers and others may find useful when billing for behavioral health services. This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Providers should be aware that the State Medicaid agencies may use and provide additional resources.

Regulations & Guidance

- Medicaid Behavioral Health Services. <http://medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/benefits/mental-health-services.html>
- EPSDT—A Guide for States: http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/benefits/downloads/epsdt_coverage_guide.pdf
- Compilation of the Social Security Laws. http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title19/1900.htm
- State Medicaid & CHIP Profiles. <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/By-State.html>
- The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/Other-Insurance-Protections/mhpaea_factsheet.html
- Medicaid Handbook: Interface with Behavioral Health Services. <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA13-4773/SMA13-4773.pdf>
- Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Affordable Care Act Expands Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits and Federal Parity Protections for 62 Million Americans. http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2013/mental/rb_mental.cfm
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-111publ148/pdf/PLAW-111publ148.pdf>
- Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-111publ152/pdf/PLAW-111publ152.pdf>



Billing & Coding

General

- Paying for Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services Provided in Integrated Care Settings. <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/financing/billing-tools>
- The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) in Medicaid. <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Data-and-Systems/National-Correct-Coding-Initiative.html>

State Examples

- Washington State: Service Encounter Reporting Instructions for RSNs. https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/BHSIA/dbh/Mental%20Health/FINAL%20SERI_and%20Summary%20of%20Changes%20v201411.2%20%282%29.pdf
- Ohio Department of Medicaid: Healthchek—EPSDT Services Coding Guidelines. http://www.uhccommunityplan.com/content/dam/communityplan/healthcareprofessionals/BillingAndReferenceGuides/OH_EPSDT_coding_sheet.pdf

Improper Payments

- Medicaid and CHIP 2013 Improper Payments Report. <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicaid-and-CHIP-Compliance/PERM/Downloads/2013MedicaidandCHIPImproperPaymentsReport.pdf>

Covered Services

General

- State Medicaid Manual. Chapter 4. Sections 4221 & 4250: Outpatient Psychiatric Services; Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASARR). <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Paper-Based-Manuals-Items/CMS021927.html>

Home and Community-Based Services

- Person-Centered Planning and Self-Direction: HHS Issues New Guidance on Implementing Section 2402(a) of the Affordable Care Act. http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/blog/2014/2014_07_09.aspx
- Home & Community-Based Services 1915(i). <http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/long-term-services-and-supports/home-and-community-based-services/home-and-community-based-services-1915-i.html>

Substance Use Disorders

- Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders (Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services [CMCS] Informational Bulletin). <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/CIB-07-11-2014.pdf>
- Delivery Opportunities for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder (CMCS Informational Bulletin). <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/cib-10-29-14.pdf>
- Coverage of Behavioral Health Services for Youth with Substance Use Disorders (CMCS Informational Bulletin). <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/cib-01-26-2015.pdf>

- New Service Delivery Opportunities for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder. <http://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd15003.pdf>

Screening and Prevention

- American Academy of Pediatrics. Bright Futures program. <https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/Pages/default.aspx>
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Benefits/Early-and-Periodic-Screening-Diagnostic-and-Treatment.html>
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment. <http://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt>

Telemedicine

- Telemedicine. <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Delivery-Systems/Telemedicine.html>
- Health Resources and Services Administration. Telehealth. <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/telehealth/>

Compliance and Integrity

- Compliance Guidance. <https://oig.hhs.gov/compliance/compliance-guidance/index.asp>
- Criminal False Claim Act. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2012-title18/pdf/USCODE-2012-title18-partI-chap15-sec287.pdf>
- Updated Special Advisory Bulletin on the Effect of Exclusion From Federal Health Care Programs. <https://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/files/sab-05092013.pdf>

To see the electronic version of this resource guide and the other products included in the “Billing Behavioral Health” Toolkit, visit the Medicaid Program Integrity Education page at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/Medicaid-Integrity-Education/edmic-landing.html> on the CMS website.

Follow us on Twitter  [#MedicaidIntegrity](https://twitter.com/MedicaidIntegrity)

Disclaimer

This resource guide was current at the time it was published or uploaded onto the web. Medicaid and Medicare policies change frequently so links to the source documents have been provided within the document for your reference.

This resource guide was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This resource guide may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. Use of this material is voluntary. Inclusion of a link does not constitute CMS endorsement of the material. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations, and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents.

January 2016