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MEMORANDUM

To: New York State Health and Recovery Plans (HARP) and HIV Special Needs Plans (HIV-SNP)

From: New York State Department of Health (DOH); Office of Mental Health (OMH); Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)

Date: February 11, 2022

Subject: Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment (CORE) Services and Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) Rate Increase Notification

Dear Health Plan Administrators,

Upon final approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the behavioral health outpatient service rates will be increased as part of Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (Pub. L. 117-2)¹. This letter is being sent to alert HARPs and HIV-SNPs of the adjustments to Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment (CORE) Services and Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) to ensure compliance with the statutorily required payment of government rates. Rates for CORE Services and BH HCBS are being increased based on models developed by New York State.

Please refer to the OMH Medicaid Reimbursement Page:

https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid_reimbursement/ which will be updated shortly for the below services with rate enhancements effective October 2021, April 2022, and April 2023.

- **For all rate codes transitioning from Adult BH HCBS to CORE Services**
 - 10/1/2021 rate includes the following adjustments:
 - eFMAP HCBS enhancement- CORE transition
 - eFMAP HCBS enhancement- workforce recruitment and retention
 - 4/1/2022 rate includes the following adjustments:
 - eFMAP HCBS enhancement- CORE transition from above
 - eFMAP HCBS enhancement- workforce recruitment and retention removal
 - 4/1/2023 rate includes the following adjustments:
 - eFMAP HCBS enhancement removal
 - Ongoing 10% increase from 4/1/2021 rates
- **For all rate codes remaining in Adult BH HCBS services**

¹ [Spending Plan for Implementation of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 9817](#)



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Per Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2019, HARPs and HIV-SNPs are required to pay claims based on the effective date of the rate changes. As a result, HARPs and HIV-SNPs must complete necessary systems edits to ensure CORE and Adult BH HCBS claims are reimbursed at the newly effective rates as listed above. HARPs and HIV SNPs are required to conduct retrospective reconciliation to adjust payment for claims as necessary within 90 days of receipt of this notification.

Please note this document is only being transmitted electronically. No hard copy will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact OMH Managed Care at 518-408-2822 or BHO@omh.ny.gov