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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs), Health and Recovery Plans, and HIV Special Needs Plans

**From:** New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

**Date:** September 1, 2022

**Subject:** Article 31 Mental Health Clinic eFMAP Rate Increase Notification

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Dear Health Plan Administrators,

The Article 31 Mental Health Clinic rates, which will be reflected in the premiums upon State and Federal approvals, will be increased to reflect an 11.5 percent Workforce Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Enhancement and the expenditure of the funds generated by the 5 percent increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures provided by Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2)<sup>1</sup>. This letter is being sent to alert Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs), including Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Plans, Health and Recovery Plans, and HIV Special Needs Plans, of the adjustments to ensure compliance with the statutorily required payment of government rates. Rates for Article 31 Mental Health Clinic are being increased based on models developed by the Office of Mental Health (OMH).

Please refer to the OMH Medicaid Reimbursement Page: [https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\\_reimbursement/](https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid_reimbursement/) which has been updated for Article 31 Mental Health Clinic with rate enhancements effective February 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022<sup>2</sup>. Please note the rates on the Medicaid Reimbursement Page incorporate all the following adjustments (including enhancements and reductions) into one rate for reimbursement to the provider(s).

- 02/01/2022 rate includes the following adjustments:
  - eFMAP HCBS 11.5% workforce R&R enhancement
  - eFMAP HCBS program ongoing 5% enhancement
- 10/01/2022 rate includes the following adjustments:
  - eFMAP HCBS 11.5% workforce R&R enhancement removal
  - eFMAP HCBS program ongoing 5% enhancement

Per Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2019, MMCPs are required to pay claims based on the effective date of the rate changes. As a result, MMCPs must complete necessary systems edits to ensure Article 31 Mental Health Clinic are reimbursed at the newly effective rates as listed

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/hcbs/enhanced\\_funding/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/hcbs/enhanced_funding/)

<sup>2</sup> Please see the rate sheets in section titled "Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services".

above and are required to conduct retrospective reconciliation to adjust payment for claims as necessary within 90 days of receipt of this notification.

Please note that 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 518-402-2822 or [BHO@omh.ny.gov](mailto:BHO@omh.ny.gov)