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- **MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER SPECIALTY**

Effective for dates of service October 1, 2008 and after, the advanced practice nurse practitioner provider type has been expanded to include the mental health nurse practitioner specialty.

Mental health nurse practitioners have expertise in psychiatric and mental health nursing practice, understand personality development theories, and understand the behavior patterns involved in the treatment and case management of mental illness. Practice in the area also requires knowledge of the expected effects of treatment on client behavior and of the relationship the behavior has to nursing care.

Mental health nurse practitioners can be credentialed as an adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, a family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. Adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners may only treat adults. Family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners may treat all ages.

To enroll with the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) as a mental health nurse practitioner;

- Missouri mental health nurse practitioners must submit a copy of their:
 - active Registered Nurse license; and
 - Document of Recognition as an adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.
- Bordering state mental health nurse practitioners must submit a copy of their:
 - active Registered Nurse license for the state in which they practice; and
 - credentials as an adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner by one of the following credentialing bodies:
 - Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE);
 - National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC); or
 - American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

MO HealthNet enrolled nurse practitioners who meet these qualifications may submit the above documentation as a provider update via fax to the Provider Enrollment Unit at 573-526-2054, or by mail to the Provider Enrollment Unit, PO Box 6500, Jefferson City MO. Include the provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI), the name of a contact person, an E-mail address, and a phone number with the required documentation. Written notification will be sent via mail when the provider is approved for the new specialty.

New MO HealthNet applicants must complete the Provider Enrollment Application on-line via the Web site at <http://peu.momed.com>. Enrollment inquiries may be directed to the Provider Enrollment Unit via E-mail at providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

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 red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896