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LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER

Effective August 28, 2010, MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will begin enrolling Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW) in the Psychology/Counseling Program.

Licensed Master Social Workers must meet the following requirements:

- Possess a master's or doctorate degree in social work from an accredited school
- Pass the Association of Social Work Boards master's examination

To enroll with MHD with this specialty, an individual must submit:

- A current LMSW license from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration
- A completed Provider Enrollment Agreement with MHD
- Evidence of an approved supervision agreement approved by the Missouri Division of Professional Registration
- Out of state providers must submit a copy of a current license to practice in the state in which they are providing services to MHD participants, a completed Provider Enrollment Application and, must meet criteria for enrollment as an LMSW as stated above.

LMSW providers will be enrolled for a period of forty-eight (48) months to complete supervision requirements and obtain a license as a Clinical Social Worker. LMSW providers *must* submit a copy of their Licensed Clinical Social Worker license to the MHD Provider Enrollment Unit upon completion of supervision and receipt of license to be maintained as an MHD provider.

Effective August 28, 2010, all Clinical Social Workers with a provisional license will be reissued a license as an LMSW by the Division of Professional Registration. Current MHD providers that are enrolled as a Provisionally Licensed Clinical Social Worker (PLCSW) will remain active as an LMSW provider with MHD. Active providers do not need to contact Provider Enrollment to transition from a PLCSW to an LMSW. MHD will allow these providers 24 months to complete supervision requirements and obtain a license as a Clinical Social Worker. Providers must submit a copy of the Licensed Clinical Social Worker license

to the MHD Provider Enrollment Unit upon completion of supervision and receipt of license to be maintained as an MHD provider.

LMSWs shall only provide services to MHD participants as their licensure allows and must follow the current MHD policy for Provisionally Licensed Clinical Social Workers. An LMSW may *not* operate as an independent practitioner, receive direct payment from MHD or, own their own business in the practice as an LMSW.

Providers may enroll on-line with the Provider Enrollment Unit, the website is: <http://peu.momed.com>. For provider enrollment questions, contact the Provider Enrollment Unit via email 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**