

**Non-pharmaceutical Behavioral Health Services Prior Authorization  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
615 Howerton, Conference Room 201  
August 1, 2019  
10:00am -10:50am**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Allyson Ashley, LCSW  
Vicky Mieseler, MS  
Bruce Horwitz, PhD  
Leslie Luchene, PhD

**MMAC STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Daniel Rush

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dan Holdinghaus, LPC  
Dawn Swinger, M. Ed., LPC  
Nancy Spargo, AM, LCSW  
Laine Young-Walker, MD

**MO HEALTHNET STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Eric Martin, PhD  
Stacie Gibson  
Jackie Bollinger

**OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT**

Chelsea Pendleton, Wipro  
Tabatha Bryan, RN, Wipro  
Connie Cahalan, DMH  
Jennifer Johnson, DMH

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome/Roll Call	Attendance as above	FYI
Standardization of units for 90853, 90791, 90792	Eric started conversation with background for standardization of units. The Medicaid Transformation report recommended ways to improve reimbursement rates. Recommendation was to improve physician and behavioral health reimbursement by benchmarking to Medicare rates on a regular basis. Most were on board with the standardization; Allyson had concerns. Leslie – would be easier on agencies if we were more consistent with common practice. Eric discussed issues with health plan billing.	Food for thought for future changes

	<p>Allyson – the vast minority that needs assessment needs to have them done right.</p> <p>Bruce – Is there some kind of quality review? Random sampling, charts, records to try to discourage unnecessary testing?</p> <p>Eric – would be interested in making assessment and testing more targeted and only if necessary.</p> <p>Bruce – If there was indicator or if providers knew there would be random review, that may prevent some abuse.</p> <p>Leslie – Send letters to providers based on utilization patterns, let them know the best practice. Educational approach before recoupment.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.</p>	
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