

**Non-pharmaceutical Behavioral Health Services Prior Authorization  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
615 Howerton, Conference Room 202  
February 1, 2018  
10:00am -11:15am**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Leslie Luchene, PhD  
Nancy Spargo, AM, LCSW  
Dawn Swinger, M. Ed., LPC  
Bruce Horwitz, PhD  
Allyson Ashley, LCSW  
Dan Holdinghaus, LPC  
Patsy Carter, PhD  
Laine Young-Walker, MD  
Vicky Mieseler, MS

**MO HEALTHNET STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Eric Martin, PhD  
Stacie Gibson  
Rhonda Schenewerk

**MMAC STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Daniel Rush  
Aubrey Snyder  
Amanda Fulks

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nancy Gongaware, MA, LPC, SPHR

**OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT**

Annette Walther, Wipro  
Chuck Hollister, PhD, MOPA Exec Director  
Adam Andreasson, PsyD, MOPA Pres Elect

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome/Roll Call	Attendance as above	FYI
Approval of Minutes	Allyson moved and Bruce seconded. The minutes from November 2017 meeting were approved.	Minutes will be posted to the MHD website.
Reimbursement of Psychology Interns	Adam Andreasson, PsyD started the discussion regarding psychology intern reimbursement. Adam recommended allowing psychology intern reimbursement. Currently some seek credentialing as provisionally licensed professional counselors, but this is inefficient. Approximately 20 other state	Committee will vote on proposal via email.

	<p>Medicaid programs allow reimbursement for psychology intern services. Potential benefits are improving access to care and supporting psychology internships with an additional funding stream, which could lead to more psychology intern slots in the state and ultimately more psychologists. Patsy had concerns regarding the quality of care and questioned whether reimbursement should be on par with psychologists or below. Allyson agreed with MHD moving forward with this proposal and motioned for a vote on this recommendation. Dan seconded the motion.</p>	
<p>Mental Health Parity Compliance – Summary of Proposed Changes</p>	<p>Eric informed the committee of the proposed changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase from 4 hours of services prior to needing PA to 14 hours of services prior to needing PA</li> <li>• Increase precertification period from 6 to 12 months</li> <li>• Hours assigned equal double the current (6 month amount) minus 10 hours</li> <li>• After 14 non PA hours plus 12 months PA, to continue services will require documentation review</li> <li>• Plan to allow submission of documents through CyberAccess in future</li> <li>• Providers will be able to exceed current HBAI service limits, if documentation review establishes medical necessity, will receive PA for additional hours</li> <li>• Clinical exceptions process will include requests to exceed limits on testing, assessment, individual, family, group as well as PA limits</li> <li>• Behavioral health documentation regulation will be rescinded</li> <li>• Documentation subject only to same ‘adequate documentation’ regulation as all MHD providers; regulation may be amended</li> <li>• 150 hour per month limit removed</li> <li>• Current limit on psychotherapy for crisis will be removed</li> <li>• Add coverage for 90837 – 60 minute psychotherapy</li> <li>• Tentative - I am also recommending - Removal of age restrictions for LPCs and LCSWs</li> <li>• Tentative - I am also recommending - Begin enrolling LMFTs</li> </ul>	

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