

**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

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

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