
MEMO

TO: Primary Care Health Home (PCHH) Provider Organizations

FROM: Kathy Brown, Primary Care Health Home Program Manager
MO HealthNet Division

DATE: September 2014

RE: REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH BEHAVIOR AND ASSESSMENT INTERVENTION (HBAI) SERVICES FOR PRIMARY CARE HEALTH HOME PROVIDERS

Description:

HBAI services are used to identify and address the psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and social factors important to the treatment and management of physical health problems. HBAI is an established intervention designed to enable the consumer to overcome the perceived barriers to self-management of his/her chronic disease(s).

Background:

In 2002, six (6) CPT codes were added to the CPT coding system for Health Behavior and Assessment Intervention services. The initial HBAI codes were published in the Federal Register in 2001 and included in the Medicare Fee Schedule in 2002. The codes are not to be used for the treatment of a psychiatric condition. These codes are specifically intended to address any or all of the following barriers to disease self-management of a chronic physical condition:

- Cognitive
- Emotional
- Social
- Behavioral functioning

Eligibility Criteria:

- The consumer must have an underlying physical illness or injury.
- There must be indications that there are biopsychosocial factors that may be affecting treatment or self-management of their illness.
- The consumer must be alert, oriented, and have the capacity to understand and respond to information related to their illness.
- The consumer must have a referral from a healthcare provider (such as a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) documenting the need for a psychological evaluation to address barriers to disease self-management.

Reimbursement:

MO HealthNet will begin reimbursing PCHH provider organizations for Health Behavior and Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) services at a future date to be announced, provided that the behavioral health consultants (BHCs) performing the services are certified by the St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute. Certification is explained in the document, titled **Guidelines for MO HealthNet Behavioral Health Certification Required for HBAI Billing** located at this web site.

It is the behavioral health consultant's (BHC) responsibility to submit a copy of certification to the Missouri Department of Social Services, Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance (MMAC) Provider Enrollment Unit to request a Specialty Code on their enrollment file, if an organization will be billing HBAI codes for reimbursement by MO HealthNet. It is also the BHC's responsibility to request a renewal of this certification prior to the expiration date. Please see the certificate renewal guidelines contained in the document titled **Guidelines for MO HealthNet Behavioral Health Consultant Certification Renewal**, also located at this web site.

More information on specific services and codes covered for reimbursement, and the requisite certification process by can be found in the document titled **MO HealthNet Billing Instructions for HBAI Services** located at this web site.

Please address any questions about this process or effective date to Kathy Brown at 573-751-5542 or kathy.brown@dmh.mo.gov.