

Public Notice of New Billing Process Evidence-Based Treatment for Children Who Have Experienced Severe Trauma

June 19, 2020

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandates that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that the Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

1. Effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2020, DSS/MHD will amend the State Plan in order to update the fee schedule by adding modifier HK for individual, family, and group therapy procedure codes. Billing with modifier HK will be limited to providers certified in specific evidence-based practices (see attached provider bulletin) when providing evidence-based treatment to individuals under 21 who have experienced severe physical, sexual, or emotional trauma as a result of abuse or neglect.
2. The annual estimated fiscal impact to MO HealthNet Division will be a decrease of \$42,259.82 from state general revenue funds. In state fiscal year 2019 MHD spent \$68,000 from state general revenue for additional payments to providers reflecting \$10 per unit for individual, family, and group therapy meeting criteria for this program. Assuming a 10% increase in utilization during state fiscal year 2020, the total fiscal impact to MHD will be \$74,800, of which 65.588% (\$49,059.82) will be from federal match and \$25,740.18 will be from state general revenue.
3. A copy of the proposed state plan amendment and the recently published provider bulletin are available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents may also be viewed online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>.
4. Comments may be submitted by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within 30 days after publication of this public notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct., 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: Eric Martin

Comments may also be sent by email to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use “Public Comment for Behavioral Health Services” in the subject line. Comments must be received within 30 days after the publication of this public notice.

5. No Public Hearing will be held.