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PRECERTIFICATION UPDATE FOR SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Applies to: School-Based Individualized Education Program Direct
Services Providers**

Effective date: April 17, 2023

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PRECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Effective for dates of service on or after April 17, 2023, precertification is no longer required for behavioral health school-based Individualized Education Program (IEP) direct services. This includes counseling/psychotherapy services and applied behavior analysis (ABA) services.

Precertification requirements remain in effect for non-IEP psychotherapy/counseling services provided in schools to MO HealthNet fee-for-service covered participants. Non-IEP ABA services are not covered in place of service school.

APPLICABILITY

The information in this bulletin applies to the MO HealthNet (MHD) fee-for-service program. MHD managed care members receive IEP services through the fee-for-service program.

[Provider Bulletins](#) are available on the [MO HealthNet Division \(MHD\) website](#). Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletins page.

Providers and other interested parties are urged to [subscribe](#) to the electronic **MO HealthNet News** mailing list to receive automatic notifications of [provider bulletins](#), [provider hot tips](#), provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via email.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping their MO HealthNet card, calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and choosing Option One or using the Participant Eligibility option in [eMOMED](#). Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan.

[MHD Education and Training](#) offers schedules for interactive web based trainings for providers and general and program specific educational resources.

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