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Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), and Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) Services

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Policy Update

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, LCSWs, LMSWs, LPCs, and PLPCs may be reimbursed for medically necessary behavioral health services for MO HealthNet covered children and adults, regardless of setting. Providers are responsible for checking eligibility on dates of service.

Section 13.13 of the [Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual](#) describes covered psychotherapy services, and section 13.13.C delineates procedure codes billable according to provider type.

Applicability

This bulletin applies to MO HealthNet enrolled fee-for-service providers. Providers contracted with MO HealthNet Managed Care Health Plans should contact each health plan directly for billing instructions. Managed care members in the care and custody of the state and receiving adoption subsidy assistance (Category of Aid 4) receive behavioral health services through the fee-for-service delivery system. See this [link](#) for a list of ME codes in Category of Aid 4.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896**