BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE: GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY

Applies to:
- Psychiatrist
- Advanced practice psychiatric nurse
- Licensed or provisional licensed psychologist, doctoral psychology intern, NASP certified school psychologist;
- Licensed clinical social worker, licensed master social worker;
- Licensed or provisional licensed professional counselor;
- Licensed or provisional licensed marital and family therapist

Effective date: Immediately

GROUP THERAPY UPDATE
Effective immediately, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) has changed the minimum number of participants for group therapy from 3 to 2. Group therapy must consist of at least 2 but no more than 10 individuals who are not members of the same family. This applies to inpatient group therapy sessions also.

APPLICABILITY
This update applies to fee-for-service and managed care. Managed care enrolled providers should contact the relevant managed care plan with questions about the update.
**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) website at [http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm). Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD website at [http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/) to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

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 MO HealthNet ID card.

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573-751-2896