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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

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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.

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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 MO HealthNet ID card.

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