

**TITLE 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**Division 70—MO HealthNet Division**  
**Chapter 98—Behavioral Health Services**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**13 CSR 70-98.015 Behavioral Health Services Program.** The MO HealthNet Division is amending section (1) and deleting sections (4) and (5).

*PURPOSE: The amendment removes language related to prior authorization as MHD is removing this requirement for psychotherapy services.*

*PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that publication of the entire text of the material that is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.*

(1) Administration. The MO HealthNet behavioral health services program shall be administered by the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (MHD). The services covered and not covered~~, the prior authorization requirements,~~ and the limitations under which services are covered shall be determined by MHD and shall be included in the *MO HealthNet Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual, [September 1, 2023,] May 2, 2025*, and the *Physician Provider Manual, [September 1, 2023,] May 6, 2025*, which are incorporated by reference and made part of this rule as published by the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division, 615 Howerton Court, Jefferson City, MO 65109~~, at its website at https://mydss.mo.gov/mhd/provider-manuals~~. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. Behavioral health services shall include only those which are clearly shown to be medically necessary.

*[(4) The prior authorization requirements for behavioral health services shall be reviewed at least every twelve (12) months by the MO HealthNet Division.*

*(5) The prior authorization process will not apply to emergency and inpatient hospital interventions.]*

*AUTHORITY: sections 208.201 and 660.017, RSMo 2016.\* Original rule filed Nov. 14, 2003, effective June 30, 2004. Amended: Filed Oct. 30, 2007, effective April 30, 2008. Amended: Filed June 2, 2008, effective Nov. 30, 2008. Amended: Filed Oct. 31, 2008, effective May 30, 2009. Amended: Filed Sept. 26, 2013, effective March 30, 2014. Amended: Filed Oct. 1, 2018, effective May 30, 2019. Amended: Filed Aug. 16, 2024, effective April 30, 2025. Amended: Filed Dec. 23, 2025.*

*\*Original authority: 208.201, RSMo 1987, amended 2007, and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division-Rulemaking, PO Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1527, or by email to [Rules.Comment@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Rules.Comment@dss.mo.gov). To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*