

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 sections (1) and (2), and creating sections (4) and (5).

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment incorporates prior authorization information.

(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*, and the *Physician Provider Manual, September 1, 2023*, 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 [<http://manuals.momed.com/manuals/>] <https://mydss.mo.gov/mhd/provider-manuals>, [October 1, 2018]. 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.

(2) Persons Eligible. The MO HealthNet Program pays for approved MO HealthNet behavioral health services when furnished within the provider's scope of practice. The participant must be eligible on the date the service is furnished. Participants may have specific limitations for behavioral health services according to the type of assistance for which they have been determined eligible. It is the provider's responsibility to determine the coverage benefits for a participant based on their type of assistance as outlined in the provider manual. The provider shall ascertain the patient's MO HealthNet and managed care or other lock-in status before any service is performed. The participant's **Mo HealthNet** eligibility shall be verified in accordance with methodology outlined in the provider manual. **Eligible participants shall have access to non-pharmaceutical behavioral health services when they are determined medically necessary using the appropriate diagnostic criteria as follows:**

(A) For individuals aged six years and over, providers shall use the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, Text Revision (DSM-5-TR™)*, which is incorporated by reference in this rule as published by American Psychiatric Association Publishing, 800 Maine Avenue SW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20024, March 16, 2022. A copy of the DSM-5-TR™ is available for review at the MO HealthNet Division, 615 Howerton Court, Jefferson City, MO 65109. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or editions.

(B) For individuals under the age of six years, it is recommended and preferred that providers use the *Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood (DC:0-5™)*, which is incorporated by reference in this rule as published by Zero to Three, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20037, December 8, 2016. A copy of the DC:0-5™ is available for review at the MO HealthNet Division, 615 Howerton Court, Jefferson City, MO 65109. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or editions.

(C) Use of the DSM-5-TR™ will be allowed when assessing children zero through five years of age until January 1, 2029, at which time the DC:0-5™ will become required.

(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 August 16, 2024.*

**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 cost private entities nineteen thousand, eight-hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$19,829) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division-Rulemaking, P.O. Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1527, or by email to 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.*