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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Children's Behavioral Health Services Providers

SUBJECT: Medicaid Manual for Children's Behavioral Health Services

This bulletin transmits a change in the effective date for the Medicaid Policy Manual for Children's Behavioral Health Services and revises the policy regarding Emergency Safety Interventions and High Management Rehabilitative Services. The Children's Behavioral Health Services Medicaid Provider Manual is effective July 1, 2006.

The policy for Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI) has been revised to clarify the requirements related to the ordering and initiation and monitoring and termination of seclusion and restraint.

1. On page 2-21, under Ordering and Initiation, the policy is revised to indicate that the provider's written policy shall identify staff members authorized to approve the use of restraint and seclusion.
2. On page 2-24, under Monitoring/Termination, the policy is revised to indicate that when available, a staff member should provide visual monitoring of the individual in seclusion or restraint and make a written annotation in the log at least once every fifteen minutes. The entry should describe the individual's behavior at that time and whether he or she needs continued seclusion or restraint. The program will have written procedures that outline the criteria for terminating a seclusion or restraint.

Please replace the ESI section of the CBHS Manual, pages 2-20 through 2-25, with the attached pages.

3. On page 2-112, the policy for Residential Services, Therapeutic Behavioral Services (formerly High Management Rehabilitative Services) related to the Medical Necessity has been revised to clarify that a client with a V-code as the primary diagnosis may be appropriate for High Management when the client is not manageable in a less restrictive environment.

Please replace page 2-112 of the CBHS Manual with the attached replacement page.

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Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to your program representative at (803) 898-2565.

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