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TO: Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Providers and Licensed Independent Practitioners

SUBJECT: Rate Increases for Services Provided by Master’s-level Practitioners and Licensed Psychologists in Private Organizations

Effective July 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will increase reimbursement rates for core rehabilitative behavioral health services provided by private, master’s degree-level practitioners and licensed psychologists through the Medicaid State Plan.

The services impacted by this rate increase, denoted with an **HO (master’s level)** or **AH (licensed psychologist) modifier** depending on provider type, are included in the table below.

Procedure Code	Service Definition	Current RBHS Rates	Current LIP Rates	Rates for RBHS and LIP effective July 1, 2024
90791	Diagnostic Assessment	HO = \$153.94	HO = \$153.94	HO = \$161.55
		AH = \$224.63	AH = \$224.63	AH = \$235.86
90832	Individual Psychotherapy – 30 min.	HO = \$37.30	HO = \$37.30	HO = \$39.14
		AH = \$54.43	AH = \$54.43	AH = \$57.15
90834	Individual Psychotherapy – 45 min.	HO = \$74.60	HO = \$74.60	HO = \$78.29
		AH = \$108.86	AH = \$108.86	AH = \$114.30
90837	Individual Psychotherapy – 60 min.	HO = \$111.90	HO = \$111.90	HO = \$117.43

		AH = \$163.29	AH = \$163.29	AH = \$171.45
90846	Family Psychotherapy Without Patient – 50 min.	HO = \$107.04	HO = \$107.04	HO = \$112.32
		AH = \$156.18	AH = \$156.18	AH = \$163.99
90847	Family Psychotherapy With Patient – 50 min.	HO = \$107.04	HO = \$107.04	HO = \$112.32
		AH = \$156.18	AH = \$156.18	AH = \$163.99
90853	Group Psychotherapy	HO = \$16.65	HO = \$16.65	HO = \$17.48
		AH = \$24.30	AH = \$24.30	AH = \$25.52
H0031	Mental Health Comprehensive Assessment – Follow-up	HO = \$76.97	HO = \$71.58	HO = \$80.78
		AH = \$112.32	AH = \$104.46	AH = \$117.94
H0032	Mental Health Service Plan Development	HO = \$8.04	N/A	HO = \$8.44 (RBHS only)
		AH = \$11.73	N/A	AH = \$12.32 (RBHS only)
H2011	Crisis Management	HO = \$19.39	HO = \$18.03	HO = \$20.35
		AH = \$28.29	AH = \$26.31	AH = \$29.70

The procedure codes with rates being increased can also be found in the [Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services \(RBHS\) fee schedule](#) available [on SCDHHS' website](#) and the [Procedure Codes section](#) included with the [Licensed Independent Practitioners \(LIP\) Rehabilitative Services manual](#). Both documents will be updated by July 1, 2024, to reflect the increased rates for these services.

This change in reimbursement rate does not apply to services provided by state agencies or entities working on behalf of a state agency.

South Carolina's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) are responsible for the authorizations, coverage and reimbursement related to the services described in this bulletin for Healthy Connections Medicaid members who are enrolled in an MCO.

Providers should direct questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center (PSC) at (888) 289-0709 or to behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov. The PSC's hours of operations are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

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