



MEDICAID SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH PROVIDER REVISED
REQUIREMENTS
SENATE BILL 74
7 AAC 110

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7 AAC 110. MEDICAID COVERAGE, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

❑Section .445(e)

Overview: Allows any licensed behavioral health professional to deliver services in a physician's office; service provision and billing established under 7 AAC 135 service rates and criteria.

❑Section .550

Overview: Renames Medicaid, Psychologist Services to "Psychologist Testing Services" to distinguish it from new "Psychologist behavioral health services" (below).

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7 AAC 110. 445(e)

(e) Mental health services rendered by someone other than a physician, an advanced nurse practitioner, a rural health clinic, or a federally qualified health center must be provided in accordance with 7 AAC 110.550, or must be provided by a tribal health program.

7 AAC 110. MEDICAID COVERAGE, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

7 AAC 110. 550 Psychologist services

(a) To be eligible for payment under 7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160 for providing psychologist services, a provider must be an independently practicing psychologist who

(1) is enrolled as a psychologist in accordance with 7 AAC 105.210;

(2) has an active license to practice psychology issued by the jurisdiction in which the psychologist provides services; if services are provided in this state, the psychologist must hold an active license under AS 08.86.130 or 08.86.135; and

(3) maintains records in accordance with (e) of this section.

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7 AAC 110. 550 Psychologist services

(b) Covered psychologist services are limited to medically necessary psychological testing to determine the status of the patient's mental, intellectual, and emotional functioning. Testing services must include administration of psychodiagnostic tests, the interpretation of the results of the tests, and a written report. Testing services must be provided directly by the psychologist. Payment is limited to the following services:

- (1) psychological testing;
- (2) assessment of aphasia;
- (3) developmental testing, limited or extended;
- (4) neurobehavioral status examination, including assessment of thinking, reasoning, and judgment;
- (5) neuropsychological testing.

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(c) Psychologist services may be provided to a recipient who has received a referral from the recipient's treating physician, a physician assistant, an advanced nurse practitioner, a community mental health clinic, a tribal health program, or an appropriate school official, if the referral documents the purpose for the testing, including the need to determine acuity of need, severity of symptoms, or level of impairment.

(d) Psychologist services may be provided in the psychologist's office, an outpatient clinic, an outpatient hospital, a general acute care hospital, a tribal health program, an inpatient psychiatric hospital, a residential psychiatric treatment center, or other setting appropriate for patient care.

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e) To be paid by the department for services provided under this section, a psychologist must maintain a specific record for all services provided, that

- (1) identifies the source and reason for the referral;
- (2) identifies the questions and issues that the testing addressed;
- (3) identifies the psychological tests and techniques used; and
- (4) includes the interpretation of all completed and attempted tests with observations, conclusions, and recommendations

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Section .555

Overview: New section establishes services and service criteria for Medicaid Psychologist behavioral health services.

Section .565:

Overview: New section establishes services and service criteria for Medicaid Clinical social worker services.

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7 AAC 110.555. Psychologist behavioral health services.

(a) To be eligible for payment under 7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160, psychologist behavioral health services must be provided by an individual who meets the requirements in 7 AAC 110.550(a)(l) and (2).

(b) A provider may only bill the department for the following psychologist behavioral health services, provided in accordance with this chapter:

- (1) a mental health intake assessment;
- (2) an integrated mental health and substance use intake assessment;
- (3) individual psychotherapy;

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(4) group psychotherapy;

(5) family psychotherapy;

(6) multi-family group psychotherapy;

(7) screening and brief intervention services described in 7 AAC 135.240;

(8) behavioral health screening under 7 AAC 135.100.

(c) A psychologist behavioral health services provider must maintain the provider's records in accordance with 7 AAC 105.230.

(d) If a psychologist covered under this section provides behavioral health services in or for another enrolled provider, the psychologist must request payment for those services in accordance with 7 AAC 135.910(a).

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7 AAC 110.565. Clinical social worker services.

(a) To be eligible for payment under 7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160 for providing clinical social worker services, a provider must

(1) be enrolled as a clinical social worker in accordance with 7 AAC 105.210;

and

(2) have an active license to practice as a clinical social worker issued by the jurisdiction in which the clinical social worker provides services; if services are provided in this state, the clinical social worker must hold an active license under AS 08.95.110 or 08.95.120.

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(b) Clinical social worker services include only the following behavioral health clinic services:

- (1) a mental health intake assessment;
- (2) an integrated mental health and substance use intake assessment;
- (3) individual psychotherapy;
- (4) group psychotherapy;
- (5) family psychotherapy;
- (6) multi-family group psychotherapy;
- (7) screening and brief intervention services described in 7 AAC 135.240;
- (8) behavioral health screening under 7 AAC 135.100.

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(c) A clinical social worker services provider must maintain the provider's records in accordance with 7 AAC 105.230.

(d) If a clinical social worker covered under this section provides behavioral health services in or for another enrolled provider, the clinical social worker must request payment for those services in accordance with 7 AAC 135.910(a).