

BHH Services News and Information

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To: Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Service Providers

From: Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) BHH Services Policy Team

Subject: Recent Policy Updates

Hello behavioral health home (BHH) providers! This memo contains updates on matters related to BHH services. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. Thank you for all your continued, amazing efforts and outcomes.

Three Percent Payment Increase

The Minnesota Legislature and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a 3% increase in behavioral health home (BHH) payments on April 19, 2024. Effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2024, payment for BHH services is \$252.35 per member, per month. During the members first six months of participation, BHH providers will receive an enhanced payment rate of \$360.50 per member, per month. DHS has reprocessed BHH claims for dates of service January 1, 2024, to the current date for procedure codes S0280 and S0281.

The 3% increase is the only change impacting the BHH services payment rate following the 2024 Legislative session. The DHS BHH policy team continues to keep the BHH rate at the forefront of our priorities and we are already investigating other options to create better sustainability by further addressing BHH rates in the future.

Enrollee Written Consent No Longer Required

Providers are no longer required to obtain written consent from enrollees for BHH services. This change is effective March 25, 2024. BHH providers still need to obtain an enrollee's verbal consent before providing BHH services if written consent is not obtained. BHH providers are still required to review and explain the BHH Services Rights, Responsibilities and Consent form to enrollees as part of obtaining their consent. Enrollees must receive a copy of the form for their records. BHH providers should document

that they reviewed and explained the BHH Services Rights, Responsibilities and Consent form. BHH providers should also document how consent was obtained, either verbally or written.

DHS added an e-signature block on the BHH Services Rights, Responsibilities and Consent form to create flexibility for providers who choose to continue obtaining consent via written signature on the form.

MN Partner Portal No Longer Required

The use of the MN Partner Portal will soon no longer be required for BHH services. The Minnesota Legislature approved this service modification. However, a state plan amendment (SPA) change is needed for this change to go into effect. Continue to use the MN Partner Portal until we confirm the SPA change. Once the SPA is updated, we will communicate details about the use of alternate DHS-approved population health management tools. At that time, BHH providers may continue to use the portal at their discretion, but access privileges may change or cease to exist in the future.

Update to the Notification of Eligibility Form

The Notification of Eligibility (NOE) form was updated to create stronger, more consistent communication between BHH providers and managed care organizations (MCO). Language was added to the NOE form to encourage MCOs to contact the BHH provider to confirm receipt of the NOE form. The updated language also states that the MCO is required to identify if the enrollee has an MCO care coordinator (CC) or case manager (CM), and if so, the CC or CM must contact the BHH provider within 30 days.

Moving Home Minnesota No Longer Duplicative Service

Moving Home Minnesota Transition Coordination (MHM TC) is no longer a duplicative service of BHH services. This change is effective August 1, 2024. MHM and BHH providers can submit claims for transition coordination services separately in the same month.