

September 23, 2009

Dear Stakeholder:

As you are probably aware, the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) Integrated Services and Supports Rule (ISSR) has been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and is open for public comment throughout October. The ISSR includes requirements to be certified to provide services and supports; however requirements for receiving Medicaid reimbursement remain detailed in the Medicaid Payment for Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (309-016-0000 through 0450) and Medicaid Payment for Child/Adolescent Residential Psychiatric Treatment Services (309-034-0150 through 0490) as well as other department rules related to Medicaid payment.

AMH is pleased with the collaborative effort that developed a rule that defines standards for program certification and licensure that will promote service coordination, recovery and resiliency within a comprehensive array of addictions and mental health services. This notice is to inform stakeholders that to ensure the rules by which providers are certified are consistent with those that govern provider Medicaid reimbursement, AMH will file an Emergency revision to 309-016-0000 through 0450 and 309-034-0150 through 0490.

This Emergency Rule will only amend the current 309-016-0000 through 0450 and 309-034-0150 through 0490 rules. Any new rules related to Medicaid payment as well as current requirements found elsewhere in the rules will be incorporated into 309-016-0000 through 0450 during the filing of the finalized Medicaid payment rule. This emergency rule will include edits that:

- Use the most current division and section names;
- Use the most current definitions of terms;
- Use the collaboratively developed requirements in the ISSR; and
- Are intended to eliminate the risk to providers being accountable for complying with outdated requirements.

The following is a timeline of projected milestones for the development of the finalized AMH Medicaid Payment Rule:

- ✓ File an emergency rule simultaneous to the filing of the ISSR;

- ✓ Collaborate with external stakeholders on the language to be contained in the permanent rule 30 to 90 days post emergency rule filing;
- ✓ Finalize draft language for Department of Justice review 120 days post emergency rule filing; and
- ✓ Submit permanent rule language to the Office of the Secretary of State 150 days post emergency rule filing.
- ✓ All of this is expected to occur during the fall of 2009 and winter of 2009-10.

An internal workgroup has been formed and is developing draft language of the permanent rule. You will receive notice of the opportunity for stakeholder involvement in the development of permanent language shortly. Please direct any questions on the intent or process of the payment rule development to Ralph Summers, Medicaid policy manager at 503-945-9827 or Jay Yedziniak, Medicaid projects coordinator at 503-945-6231 or by e-mailing joseph.a.yedziniak@state.or.us.

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