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School-Based Medicaid Services

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General Information

The information contained in this document was taken from the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) Service Definitions Manual published by the Department of Health and Hospitals. This information is intended solely as an informational and educational resource for LEA providers intending to participate in the LBHP and is subject to change as the implementation and operations of the LBHP continue to develop.

Services provided in a school setting will only be reimbursed for recipients who are at least three years of age and less than 21 years, who have been determined eligible for Title XIX and IDEA, Part B services with an IEP which contains medically necessary services recommended by the IEP team. Medicaid covers those medical services addressed in the IEP that are medically necessary and that correct or ameliorate a child's health condition. Medicaid does not reimburse for social or educational needs or habilitative services. Medicaid covered services are provided in accordance with the established service limitations.

School-based health services include covered Behavioral Health (BH) services, treatment and other measures to correct or ameliorate an identified mental health or substance abuse diagnosis. Assessment, diagnosis and evaluation services used to determine IDEA eligibility are not covered if they are performed for educational purposes (e.g., academic testing or are provided to an individual who, as the result of the assessment and evaluation, is determined not to be eligible under IDEA). Services must be performed by qualified providers as set forth in the Louisiana Medicaid State Plan Amendment and who provide these services as part of their respective area of practice (e.g., psychologist providing a BH evaluation).

An LEA may employ unlicensed BH practitioners if requirements under the IDEA are met. Individual practitioner requirements for the Medicaid qualifications and Department of Education Bulletin 746, Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel must be met prior to an LEA billing for any services of a clinician under Medicaid. Louisiana certified school psychologists and certified school counselors in a school setting must meet the provider qualifications and provide services consistent with Medicaid requirements.

Billing/Claims

School districts have the option to bill under three different categories; Addiction Services, Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment, and Other Licensed Practitioner Outpatient Therapy. Each these service options has specific procedure codes and provider qualifications. The definitions, provider qualifications and limitations/exclusions are described in the following sections. LEA practitioners whose salaries are funded through federal dollars may not submit claims to Medicaid for reimbursement.

All school district behavioral health claims are processed electronically from the data recorded in the LDOE Special Education Reporting/Related Services Medicaid Tracking system (SER/RSM). Monthly transfers from LDOE to Magellan Health Services will provide districts with a monthly interim Medicaid payment for the eligible services provided by LEA staff for students with disabilities. LEAs are required to enter all behavioral health services/encounters into the LDOE

SER/RSM system in order to participate. The SER/RSM system includes all of the fields necessary to develop a claim, including the diagnosis codes, procedure codes, dates, time and duration of services and all other demographic information related to the student and the practitioner.

Each procedure code has a modifier that identifies the level of the provider. Some procedure codes have an additional modifier to delineate the type of service. These modifiers must be included with every procedure code in order to submit claims for school based services.

The modifiers are:

Modifiers for Staff	Staff Level
HM	Less than Bachelors level
HN	Bachelors Level
HO	Masters Level
HF	Substance Abuse Program for LAC
AH	Licensed Psychologist
Modifiers for Type of Service	Description
HR	Family with student present
HS	Family without student present

Codes & Rates

Diagnostic Codes

The SER/RSM system offers the provider a drop-down list of the mental health diagnostic codes that are Medicaid approved.

Procedure Codes

All BH procedure codes for school based services are contained within the SER/RSM system and are referenced in this document. Some codes are applicable only to licensed behavioral health personnel; others can be used by all school based personnel.

Rates

Cost recovery for LEAs is accomplished through a cost reimbursement process that includes the interim rates for procedures, a random moment time study, and submission of an annual cost report. The SER/RSM provides an opportunity for the LEA to receive monthly interim reimbursement for services rendered, but it is the cost settlement at the end of the fiscal year that finalizes the actual dollar amount recovered.

Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment

Definition

Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST) - goal-directed supports and solution-focused interventions intended to achieve identified goals or objectives as set forth in the individual's individualized treatment plan. CPST is a face-to-face intervention with the individual present; however, family or other collaterals may also be involved. A minimum of 51% of CPST contacts must occur in community locations where the person lives, works, attends school and/or socializes.

Components

This service may include the following components:

- Assist the individual and family members or other collaterals to identify strategies or treatment options associated with the individual's mental illness, with the goal of minimizing the negative effects of mental illness symptoms or emotional disturbances or associated environmental stressors which interfere with the individual's daily living, financial management, housing, academic and/or employment progress, personal recovery or resilience, family and/or interpersonal relationships and community integration.
- Individual supportive counseling, solution-focused interventions, emotional and behavioral management and problem behavior analysis with the individual, with the goal of assisting the individual with developing and implementing social, interpersonal, self-care, daily living and independent living skills to restore stability, to support functional gains and to adapt to community living.
- Participation in, and utilization of, strengths-based planning and treatments, which include assisting the individual and family members or other collaterals with identifying strengths and needs, resources, natural supports and developing goals and objectives to utilize personal strengths, resources and natural supports to address functional deficits associated with their mental illness.
- Assist the individual with effectively responding to or avoiding identified precursors or triggers that would risk his/her remaining in a natural community location, including assisting the individual and family members or other collaterals with identifying a potential psychiatric or personal crisis, developing a crisis management plan and/or, as appropriate, seeking other supports to restore stability and functioning.
- Restoration, rehabilitation and support to develop skills to locate, rent and keep a home, landlord/tenant negotiations, selecting a roommate and renter's rights and responsibilities.
- Assisting the individual to develop daily living skills specific to managing his/her own home, including managing his/her money, medications and using community resources and other self care requirements.

School-based health services include covered BH services, treatment and other measures to correct or ameliorate an identified mental health or substance abuse diagnosis. Services are provided by or through an LEA to children who attend public school in Louisiana with or suspected of having disabilities.

An LEA may employ unlicensed BH practitioners if requirements under the IDEA are met. Individual practitioner requirements for the Medicaid qualifications and Department of Education Bulletin 746, Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel, must be met prior to an LEA billing for any services of a clinician under Medicaid. Louisiana certified school psychologists and counselors in a school setting must meet the provider qualifications and provide services consistent with CPST.

Provider Qualifications

Practitioners with a master’s degree in social work, counseling, psychology or a related human services field may provide all aspects of CPST, including counseling. Other aspects of CPST, except for counseling, may otherwise be performed by an individual with a bachelor’s degree in social work, counseling, psychology or a related human services field or four years of equivalent education and/or experience working in the human services field. Providers must have certification in the State of Louisiana to provide the service, which includes criminal, professional background checks, and be employed by a mental rehabilitation agency, LEA or licensed clinic or otherwise credentialed by the SMO because of accessibility issues.

Reimbursement Codes

HCPCS Code	Modifier			Coding Summary Description HN – B.A. degree HO – Masters degree	Units
H0036	HN		Ind.	Home/Community, community psychiatric supportive treatment, per 15 minutes, bachelor’s degree level.	15 min.
H0036	HO		Ind.	Home/Community, community psychiatric supportive treatment, per 15 minutes, master’s degree level.	15 min.

Other Licensed Practitioner Outpatient Therapy (OLP)

Provider Qualifications

A licensed mental health practitioner is an individual who is licensed in the State of Louisiana to diagnose and treat mental illness or substance abuse, acting within the scope of all applicable State laws and his/her professional license. An LMHP includes individuals licensed to practice independently:

Medical psychologists , Licensed psychologists , Licensed clinical social workers , Licensed professional counselors , Licensed marriage and family therapists , Licensed addiction counselors , Advanced practice registered nurses – (must be a nurse practitioner specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health, and family psychiatric and mental health. or a certified nurse specialist in psychosocial, gerontological psychiatric mental health, adult psychiatric and mental health and child-adolescent mental health)

Allowed Mode(s) of Delivery

Individual, Family, Group , On-site , Off-site , Tele-video

Services provided to children and youth must include communication and coordination with the family and/or legal guardian. Coordination with other child-serving systems should occur, as needed, to achieve the treatment goals. All coordination must be documented in the youth's medical record.

Face-to-face for OLP includes a therapist in a different room/location from the client/family, but in the same building, with real-time visual and audio transmission from the therapy room and two-way audio transmission between client and/or family member and therapist. If the therapist is working with a single student/family, then family or individual therapy requirements and reimbursement would apply. If the therapist is working with more than one student/family, group therapy requirements and reimbursement would apply. Must be provided by licensed or qualified M.A. - level staff. M.A. - level staff must have appropriate oversight when providing treatment through real-time visual and audio transmission. The practice must be in accord with documented Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) or promising practices approved by Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) or Magellan Health Services. If not in the same building, then telemedicine requirements and reimbursement would apply.

Billing CPT codes with "interactive" in their description are used most frequently with children who do not have the capacity to verbalize complex concepts.

Other Licensed Practitioner Outpatient Therapy Reimbursement

HCPCS codes	Modifier		Practitioner Type	Units	Descriptions of Service &: Modifiers for Degree Level AH – Licensed Psychologist HO – Master’s Level HF – Substance Abuse Program	Comments
	1	2				
90791	AH		Licensed Psychologist	Per evaluation	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation.	
	HO		LCSW LPC APRN			
90832	AH		Licensed Psychologist	30 min.	Individual psychotherapy	Insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive. LACs must use HF Modifier
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
	HF		LAC			
90834	AH		Licensed Psychologist	45min.	Individual psychotherapy	Insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive. LACs must use HF Modifier
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
	HF		LAC			
90837	AH		Licensed Psychologist	60 min.	Individual psychotherapy	Insight oriented behavior modifying and/or supportive.
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
90832+90785 <i>interactive add on code</i>	AH		Licensed Psychologist	30 min.	Individual psychotherapy with <i>interactive add on code</i>	<i>Interactive complexity add-on code.</i> <i>Note: This code includes specific communication factors that complicate the delivery of a behavioral health procedure. Common factors include more difficult communications with discordant or emotional family members and engagement of young and verbally undeveloped or impaired students.</i>
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			

90834+90785 <i>interactive add on code</i>	AH		Licensed Psychologist	45 min.	Individual psychotherapy interactive.	<u>Interactive complexity</u> <i>add-on code.</i> See note above.
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
90837+90785 <i>interactive add on code</i>	AH		Licensed Psychologist	60 min.	Individual psychotherapy, interactive.	<u>Interactive complexity</u> <i>add-on code.</i> See note above.
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
90846	AH	HS	Licensed Psychologist	Per Session	Family psychotherapy (without the student present)	LACs must use HF Modifier
	HO	HS	LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
	HF	HS	LAC			
90847	AH	HR	Licensed Psychologist	Per Session	Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy with student present)	LACs must use HF Modifier
	OH	HR	LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
	HF	HR	LAC			
90853	AH		Licensed Psychologist	Per Session	Group psychotherapy	LACs must use HF Modifier
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
	HF		LAC			
90853+90785 <i>interactive add on code</i>	AH		Licensed Psychologist	Per Session	Group psychotherapy Interactive	<u>Interactive complexity</u> <i>add-on code.</i> See note above.
	HO		LCSW LPC LMFT APRN			
96101	AH		Licensed Psychologist	Per Hour	Psychological testing (includes psycho- diagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, per hour of the psychologist's time, both face-to-face time administering	Eight units limited to once every 365 days.

				tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report	
96118	AH	Licensed Psychologist	Per Hour	Neuropsychological testing per hour of the psychologist's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report	NOTE: Neuropsychological testing by technician and computer needs to be included. 2 unit limit 1 service per 365 days
96119	AH	Licensed Psychologist	Per hour	Neuropsychological testing administered by technician face-to-face; qualified healthcare professional interpretation and report.	(testing eg, Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Weschler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test),
96120	AH	Licensed Psychologist		Neuropsychological testing, administered by computer, qualified healthcare professional interpretation and report.	
96150	AH	Licensed Psychologist	15 minutes	Health and behavior initial assessment	<i>96150-96155 Apply to assessment and re-assessment of psychological/emotional/cognitive factors related to physical illnesses. These are used if there is no psychiatric diagnosis; (e.g., working with TBIs in a rehab setting; or psychological sequel of cancer, etc.).</i> Examples: health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, physiological monitoring, health-oriented questionnaires), face-to-face with the student

96151	AH		Licensed Psychologist	15 min.	Health and behavior re-assessment each 15 minutes, face-to-face with the student.	(e.g., health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, psycho-physiological monitoring, health-oriented questionnaires)
96152	AH		Licensed Psychologist	15 min.	Health and behavior intervention, face-to-face, individual	Psychologist codes are only available to children through EPSDT and not applicable through the 1915(i) population.
96153	AH		Licensed Psychologist	15 min.	Health and behavior intervention, face-to-face, group (two or more patients)	See note above
96154	AH	HR	Licensed Psychologist	15 min.	Health and behavior intervention, face-to-face, family (with the patient present)	See note above
96155	AH	HS	Licensed Psychologist	15 min.	Health and behavior intervention, face-to-face, family (without the patient present)	See note above

Addiction Services

Definition

Addiction services include an array of individual-centered outpatient, intensive outpatient and residential services consistent with the individual's assessed treatment needs, with a rehabilitation and recovery focus designed to promote skills for coping with and managing substance abuse symptoms and behaviors. Services for adolescents must be separate from adult services, be developmentally appropriate, involve the family or caregiver and coordinate with other systems (such as child welfare, juvenile justice and the schools). These services are designed to help individuals achieve changes in their substance abuse behaviors. Services should address an individual's major lifestyle, attitudinal and behavioral problems that have the potential to be barriers to the goals of treatment. Outpatient services may be indicated as an initial modality of service for an individual whose severity of illness warrants this level of treatment or when an individual's progress warrants a less intensive modality of service than he/she is currently receiving. Intensive outpatient treatment is provided any time during the day or week and provides essential skill restoration and counseling services for individuals needing more intensive treatment. Outpatient, intensive outpatient and residential services are delivered on an individual or group basis in a wide variety of settings, including treatment in residential settings of 16 beds or less, designed to help individuals achieve changes in their substance abuse behaviors.

Provider Qualifications

Services are provided by licensed and unlicensed professional staff at least 18 years of age, with a high school or equivalent diploma according to their areas of competence as determined by degree, required levels of experience as defined by State law and regulations and departmentally approved guidelines and certifications.

- The provider must be at least three years older than an individual under the age of 18.
- Anyone who is unlicensed providing addiction services must be registered with the Addictive Disorders Regulatory

Authority and demonstrate competency as defined by the Department of Health and Hospitals, state law (ACT 803 of the Regular Legislative Session 2004) and regulations.

State regulations require supervision of unlicensed professionals by a Qualified Professional Supervisor (QPS). A QPS includes the following professionals who are currently registered with their respective Louisiana board: licensed psychologist; licensed clinical social worker; licensed professional counselor; licensed addiction counselor; licensed physician and advanced practice registered nurse. The following professionals may obtain Qualified Professional Supervisor credentials: masters-prepared individual who

Limitations/Exclusions

- These rehabilitation services are provided as part of a comprehensive specialized psychiatric program available to all Medicaid-eligible individuals with significant functional impairments resulting from an identified addiction diagnosis. Services are subject to prior approval, must be medically necessary and must be recommended by an LMHP or physician who is acting within the scope of his/her professional licensed and applicable State law to promote the

maximum reduction of symptoms and/or restoration of an individual to his/her best age-appropriate functional level according to an individualized treatment plan.

- The activities included in the service must be intended to achieve identified treatment plan goals or objectives. The treatment plan should be developed in a person-centered manner, with the active participation of the individual, family and providers and be based on the individual's condition and the standards of practice for the provision of rehabilitative services. The treatment plan should identify the medical or remedial services intended to reduce the identified condition, as well as the anticipated outcomes of the individual. The treatment plan must specify the frequency, amount and duration of services.
- The treatment plan must be signed by the LMHP or physician responsible for developing the plan. The plan will specify a timeline for re-evaluation of the plan that is, at least, an annual redetermination. The re-evaluation should involve the individual, family and providers and include a re-evaluation of plan to determine whether services have contributed to meeting the stated goals. A new treatment plan should be developed if there is no measureable reduction of disability or restoration of functional level. The new plan should identify different rehabilitation strategy with revised goals and services.
- If the services are being provided to a youth enrolled in a wrap around agency (WAA), the substance abuse provider must either be on the CFT or will work closely with the CFT.
- Providers must maintain medical records that include a copy of the treatment plan, the name of the individual, dates of services provided, nature, content and units of rehabilitation services provided and progress made toward functional improvement and goals in the treatment plan.
- Services provided to children and youth must include communication and coordination with the family and/or legal guardian. Coordination with other child-serving systems should occur, as needed, to achieve the treatment goals. All coordination must be documented in the youth's medical record. Components that are not provided to, or directed exclusively toward, the treatment of the Medicaid-eligible individual are not eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.
- If the youth receiving substance abuse services is enrolled in a WAA, the substance abuse provider must either be a member of the CFT or work closely with the CFT. Substance abuse service provision will be part of the youth's POC developed by the team.
- All substance abuse involving adolescents should emphasize the family component within adolescent substance abuse programs and include family involvement, parent education and family therapy.
- A unit of service is defined according to the Health Care Financing Industry common procedure coding system (HCPCS) approved code set, unless otherwise specified. One session = one visit.

Reimbursement and Coding Summary				
CPCS Code	Modifier		Description HO – Masters HN – B.A. HM – Less than B.A. HF – Substance Abuse Program HR – Family with student present HS – Family without student present	Units
	(1)	(2)		
H0001	HO		Alcohol and/or drug assessment (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Masters level	one session
H0001	HN		Alcohol and/or drug assessment (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) B.A. level	one session
H0001	HM		Alcohol and/or drug assessment (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Less than B.A.	one session
H0004	HM	HF	BH Counseling and therapy, unlicensed 45 minutes, (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Less than B.A. , Substance Abuse Program	one session (45 min.)
H0004	HN	HF	BH Counseling and therapy, unlicensed, 45 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) B.A. level , Substance Abuse Program	one session (45 min.)
H0004	HO	HF	BH Counseling and therapy, unlicensed 45 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Masters level , Substance Abuse Program	one session (45 min.)
H0005	HN		Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) B.A. level	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HO		Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Masters level	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HM	HR	Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Less than B.A., Family w/client present.	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HM	HS	Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Less than B.A., Family w/o client present.	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HM		Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Less than B.A.	one session (60 min.)

H0005	HN	HR	Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) B.A. level, Family w/client present.	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HO	HR	Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Masters level, Family w/client present.	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HN	HS	Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) B.A. level, Family w/o client present.	one session (60 min.)
H0005	HO	HS	Alcohol and/or drug services, group counseling by a clinician, 60 minutes (unlicensed individual under supervision of a licensed clinician) Masters level, Family w/o client present.	one session (60 min.)