



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2499-MC-FFS

DATE: August 17, 2023

TO: Iowa Medicaid Behavioral Health (BH) Service Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: BH - Medicaid Rate Increase

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2023

A state plan amendment will be submitted to establish a Medicaid payment rate increase for individual mental health (MH) providers. Pursuant to the authority of 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File (SF) 561, Section 13, item 21, \$7,000,000 shall be used to increase the reimbursement rates for individual MH providers.

This rate increase will impact the following provider types: Psychologists-29, Social Workers-48, and Behavioral Health-62. Overall rates will be increased by 54.91%. These rate increases will be reflected on the [Fee Schedule](#)¹ and are dependent on the approval of the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of the state plan amendment.

The following codes will be impacted for both non-facility and facility providers:

HCPCS/CPTS Codes	Description
90785	Psytx complex interactive
90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation
90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvcs
90832	Psytx w pt 30 minutes
90833	Psytx w pt w e/m 30 min
90834	Psytx w pt 45 minutes
90836	Psytx w pt w e/m 45 min
90837	Psytx w pt 60 minutes
90838	Psytx w pt w e/m 60 min
90839	Psytx crisis initial 60 min
90840	Psytx crisis ea addl 30 min

¹ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>

90846	Family psytx w/o pt 50 min
90847	Family psytx w/pt 50 min
90849	Multiple family group psytx
90853	Group psychotherapy
90863	Pharmacologic mgmt w/psytx
96105	Assessment of aphasia
96110	Developmental screen w/score
96112	Devel tst phys/qhp 1st hr
96113	Devel tst phys/qhp ea addl
96116	Nubhvl xm phys/qhp 1st hr
96121	Nubhvl xm phy/qhp ea addl hr
96125	Cognitive test by hc pro
96127	Brief emotional/behav assmt
96130	Psycl tst eval phys/qhp 1st
96131	Psycl tst eval phys/qhp ea
96132	Nrpsyc tst eval phys/qhp 1st
96133	Nrpsyc tst eval phys/qhp ea
96136	Psycl/nrpsyc tst phy/qhp 1st
96137	Psycl/nrpsyc tst phy/qhp ea
96138	Psycl/nrpsyc tech 1st
96139	Psycl/nrpsyc tst tech ea
99492	1st psyc collab care mgmt
99493	Sbsq psyc collab care mgmt
99494	1st/sbsq psyc collab care
G2214	Init/sub psych care m 1st 30

Modifiers included:

Modifier	Modifier Description
HP	Doctoral level
HO	Master's degree level
AF	Specialty physician
SA	Advanced Nurse Practitioner
TD	RN
U1	Medicaid care level 1, as defined by each state
U2	Medicaid care level 2, as defined by each state

U3	Medicaid care level 3, as defined by each state
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If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services or the appropriate MCO:

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