



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2496-MC-FFS

DATE: August 16, 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: Medicaid Payment Rates Increase for PMIC Providers

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2023

A state plan amendment was submitted to establish a Medicaid payment rate increase for Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC) services. Pursuant to the authority of 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File (SF) 561, Section 13, item 21, \$3,000,000 shall be used to increase the reimbursement rates for mental health services.

All PMICs per diem rates will be increased to the amount of \$464.95. Providers need to increase their total billed charges to their new rate to allow the MCOs to process the claims at the increased rate to avoid the need for corrected claims. This rate increase will impact the following provider types: PMIC (41). 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.

Iowa Medicaid is committed to improving access and enhancing services for children and youth in Iowa. Iowa Medicaid will be facilitating a PMIC workgroup over the next several months to assist with this endeavor and conduct a [survey](#)² to collect PMIC baseline data.

Please complete the survey by **August 28th, 2023**.

If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services or the appropriate MCO:

Iowa Medicaid Provider Services for FFS Members:

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

²<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=TXssjVoIF0aFNjinbRmw2ruc6CJp90pKsjRLxzSAQPtUOTg5WkdSQThZQU9TVkkzRkdCMIUzTDJOVi4u>

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