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TO: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

RE: SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS IN MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT TREATMENT REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (MHOTRS) PROGRAM

IMPACTED PLANS: MEDICAID, HARPS, HIV SNPS, AND MAP PLANS (MMCPS)

SUMMARY

The Office of Mental Health has released a new rate increase and rate codes Effective **July 1, 2023**. The Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) Peer Group Base Rates for School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) Services in MHOTRS Programs will increase by 25 percent - **to receive the enhancement, services must be billed using new rate codes:**

- **1030 (non-Hospital) and, 1033 (Hospital)** *(These rates are subject to federal CMS and NYS Division of the Budget approval.)*

These increases will be reflected in MMCP premiums upon State and Federal approvals. This memo does not change other requirements outlined in the [NYS Office of Mental Health 14 NYCRR Part 599 MHOTRS Billing Guidance](#) with the exception of the rate and rate code changes. The [CPT Procedure Weight and Rate Schedule](#) and [CPT Revenue Calculator](#) will be updated soon to reflect the enhancement.

To receive the enhanced SBMH rate, services must be rendered and/or facilitated through the school-based program.¹ If services are delivered outside school-based satellite operations, then:

1. The provider must bill the regular on-site (e.g., 1504/1516) or off-site base rate (e.g., 1507/1519),
2. Utilize the correct zip+4, and
3. Attach the appropriate modifier if applicable (e.g., telehealth modifiers).

Note: the zip+4 of the school-based satellite location must be used on the claim(s) going forward, to receive the enhanced rate. This will ensure proper reimbursement.

To assist MMCPs with configuring their systems for this change, a list of school-based providers can be found here: [Appendix A-MHOTRS School-Based Clinic List 9.8.2023](#). This list is being made available as a temporary support and is for informational purposes only.

Please refer to the [OMH Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services \(MHOTRS\) Rate Code Page](#) for the new school-based clinic rate codes. MMCPs can refer to the [NYS Department of Health APG Rates](#) page once the new rate codes are loaded into the State system and going forward.

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¹ Additional guidance around the applicability of telehealth in a school-based clinic is forthcoming.