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## **Act 370: Limitation on Hours of Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment and Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services**

**Background:** House Bill 211 was passed by the legislature and was signed by Gov. John Bel Edwards, becoming effective August 1, 2019 as Act 370.

This law affects behavioral health services providers (BHSP) who provide community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services or psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services to Medicaid enrollees. More specifically, it limits the number of reimbursable service hours per calendar day for providers of these two services and requires inclusion of certain information on claims for payment for behavioral health services.

### **Limits on number of reimbursable service hours per day**

Per Act 370, an individual behavioral health services provider rendering CPST services, PSR services, or both shall be limited to a maximum combined total of 12 reimbursable hours of CPST services and PSR services per rendering provider, per calendar day, regardless of the number of patients seen by the rendering provider, unless any of the following conditions are met:

- a) The medical necessity of the services is documented for a Medicaid enrollee receiving more than 12 hours of CPST and PSR services per day, per rendering provider;
- b) The services are billed for a group setting. However, the total hours worked by an individual rendering provider shall not exceed twelve 12 reimbursable hours per calendar day; or
- c) The services are billed for crisis intervention.\*

*\*Crisis intervention services are not billed as part of CPST or PSR, and should be billed according to requirements established for crisis intervention mental health rehabilitation services.*

Services subject to the 12-hour limitation include only CPST and PSR services rendered per individual National Provider Identifier at one or more outpatient behavioral health services provider facilities or agencies within a calendar day.

The 12-hour limitation shall not apply per individual behavioral health services provider agency.

Act 370 does not apply to evidence-based practices (EBP) including, but not limited to, assertive community treatment (ACT), multi-systemic therapy (MST), functional family therapy (FFT), Homebuilders® and permanent supportive housing (PSH).

Healthy Blue will not accept for payment a claim from a provider of behavioral health services unless that claim includes all claim information required by R.S. 40:2162.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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