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Reimbursement for licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists in federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics

This advisory provides notification that reimbursement for licensed professional counselors (LPCs) and licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs) will be considered **other ambulatory services** in rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). Reimbursement for these services will be the Louisiana Medicaid established alternative payment methodology (APM) rate for behavioral health services provided in FQHCs and RHCs. This change will be effective retroactively to April 1, 2019.

The APM allows reimbursement for behavioral health services equal to the all-inclusive prospective payment system (PPS) rate on file for the date of services. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive PPS rate on the same date for a medical or dental visit.

What is the impact of this change?

For billing purposes, HCPCS code H2020 will be used for reimbursement of the APM rate to FQHC and RHC providers. Going forward, RHC and FQHC providers can bill the T1015, D0999 and H2020 codes on the same day of service and be reimbursed for all three HCPCS codes at their PPS rate. Only one encounter code may be submitted per claim, and the encounter code must be submitted on the first line of the claim.

FQHC/RHC claims for services rendered by LPCs and LMFTs that were submitted prior to Healthy Blue system updates should be handled as follows:

- If the claim was previously submitted with a T1015 encounter and reimbursement was received, then a corrected claim must be submitted to change the encounter code to the APM encounter code H2020.
- If the claim was previously submitted with a T1015 encounter code and the claim was denied, then the claim should be resubmitted with the APM H2020 encounter code.
- If the claim was held by the provider pending system updates, then the claim may be submitted on or after December 1, 2020.

LPC and LMFT services are governed by Medicaid policies and procedures specific to each program. The policies and procedures for the FQHC and RHC services program do not apply to these other ambulatory services. The provider manual for these services is located at [\[https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/BHS/BHS.pdf\]](https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/BHS/BHS.pdf).

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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