

July 28, 2015

Dear Managed Care Organization,

Over the past several months there have been a few changes to the provision of and the reimbursement for mental health services provided in OMH-licensed Article 31 mental health clinics. This letter outlines the changes and the rules to follow to ensure compliance to the APG "government" rate mandate which requires that Article 31 clinic providers be paid "at an amount equivalent to the payments established for such services under the APG rate-setting methodology as used by OMH for rate-setting purposes, including any modifier codes that may affect the calculated reimbursement."

OMH Article 31 free-standing clinic providers (i.e., upstate, downstate and county-run) have been approved for increases to their APG peer group base rates. These rates became effective January 1, 2015 but were not updated to the 3M APG grouper pricer until May 20, 2015. The OMH website was also updated in May with the new rates. The provider-specific Medicaid reimbursement rates can be found on the OMH website at: [http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid\\_reimbursement/](http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid_reimbursement/). The APG peer group base rates can be found at the end of this letter.

The effective date for Plans to begin paying the increased APG rate will be dictated by the individual contracts between the clinics and the managed care plans. A few examples:

- If a clinic's contract with a Plan states that the Plan will pay the rate in effect on the date of service, the start date for the rate increase will be May 20, 2015.
- If a clinic's contract with a Plan states that the Plan will begin paying the updated rate 30 days from the start date for the rate increase, the start date for the rate increase will be June 19, 2015.
- If a clinic's contract with a Plan does not state a time frame for paying a rate change, the start date will be January 1, 2015.
- Please note that the Plan may elect to reprocess claims back to January 1, 2015 even if their contract states a later date.

In addition to the APG peer group base rate increases, NYS also approved two other reimbursement changes that became effective January 1, 2015:

- A 5% increase in reimbursement for individual psychotherapy sessions (90832 and 90834) when delivered to children up to age 19; and
- Allowance of a 20 minute psychotherapy session using procedure code 90832 with the U5 modifier. The use of the U5 modifier will decrease the reimbursement of 90832 by 30%.

Below is an updated listing of procedures that are included in the government rates mandate. OMH has also updated the CPT procedure weight and rate schedule which can be found at:

[http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/clinic\\_restructuring/projection\\_tools.html](http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/clinic_restructuring/projection_tools.html).

If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact Financial Planning staff at 518-474-6911 or [gwen.diamond@omh.ny.gov](mailto:gwen.diamond@omh.ny.gov).

APG Peer Group Base Rates effective January 1, 2015		
Peer Group	Base Rate with QI	Base Rate without QI
Upstate	\$140.36	\$135.17
Downstate	\$156.08	\$150.27
Local Governmental Unit (county)	\$195.28	\$188.07

Procedures reimbursed by MCOs at APG Rates			
HCPCS/CPT Code	CPT Procedure - OMH Regulatory Name	Article 31 (OMH) Clinics	Article 28 (DOH) Clinics without OMH License
90791/90792	Initial Assessment	X	X
90832	Psychotherapy - 30 minutes	X	X
90832 with U5 modifier	Psychotherapy – 20-30 minutes	X	X
99201-99205 or 99212-99215 + psychotherapy add on code 90833	Psychiatric Assessment - 30 minutes	X	X
99201-99205 or 99212-99215 + psychotherapy add on code 90833	Psychiatric Consultation (includes report to referring clinician) – 30 minutes	X	X
90834	Psychotherapy - 45 minutes	X	X
99201-99205 or 99212-99215 + psychotherapy add on code 90836	Psychiatric Assessment - 45 minutes	X	X
99201-99205 or 99212-99215 + psychotherapy add on code 90836	Psychiatric Consultation (includes report to referring clinician) - 45 minutes	X	X
90846	Psychotherapy - Family 30 minutes	X	X
90847	Psychotherapy - Family & Client 1 hour	X	X
90849	Psychotherapy - Family Group 1 hour	X	X
90853	Psychotherapy - Group 1 hour	X	X
90853 with U5 modifier	School Based - Group <1 hour but > 39 minutes	X	X
99201-99205 or 99212-99215	Psychotropic Medication Treatment	X	

90882	Complex Care Management – up to four, 5-minute units (total time maximum 20 minutes)	X	
96101	Psychological Testing - Various	X	
96110	Developmental Testing - limited	X	
96111	Developmental Testing - extended	X	
96116	Psychological Testing - Neurobehavioral	X	
96118	Psychological Testing - Various	X	
99401 - 99404	Health Monitoring	X	
99406	Smoking Cessation - requires Dx code 305.1	X	
99407	Smoking Cessation - requires Dx code 305.1	X	
99407 with HQ modifier	Smoking Cessation (Group) - >10 minutes; requires Dx code 305.1 and HQ modifier	X	
99411-99412	Health Monitoring Group	X	
H0049	Alcohol and/or Drug Screening	X	
H0050	Alcohol and/or Drug, brief intervention, 15 minutes	X	
H2010	Injectable Med Admin with Monitoring & Education	X	
H2011, S9484, S9485	Crisis Intervention	X	