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Dear Managed Care Organization:

Effective January 1, 2018, there will be an increase to mental health outpatient provider rates to reflect legislative cost of living adjustment (COLA) increases in salary and salary related fringe benefits costs for certain staff at OMH licensed not-for-profit providers. This letter is being sent to all mainstream MCOs (including HARP and HIV SNPs) to alert them of this increase to behavioral health outpatient rates and to ensure that there is sufficient time to comply with the government rates statutorily required.

These increases affect the following mental health outpatient programs:

- ACT
- Continuing Day Treatment (CDT)/ Hospital Based
- Continuing Day Treatment (CDT)/ Free Standing
- Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP)
- Partial Hospitalization
- Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS)
- OMH-licensed Article 31 Mental Health Clinics Reimbursed under APG Methodology

The rates, which were reflected in the premiums, will be effective January 1, 2018. For mental health clinics, the new rates will be loaded into the 3M Grouper Pricer. For all other outpatient mental health services, the changes to the rate schedules are attached and the OMH website will be updated with the new rates.

MCOs must pay the updated rates for services occurring on or after January 1, 2018. All Managed Care premiums already include the resources to support the statutory rate increases. The State will be conducting a survey to verify MCO systems are updated to accurately reflect government rates and comply with this requirement on or before the effective day. All survey responses will be due on or before December 31, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact OMH Managed Care staff at 518-408-2822 or OMH-Managed-Care@omh.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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