

MEMORANDUM

- TO:Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Plans, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs),
HIV Special Needs Plans (HIV SNPs), and Medicaid Advantage Plus (MAP) Plans
- **FROM:** New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH)
- **DATE:** January 14, 2025
- **SUBJECT:** Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) Peer Group Base Rates Provider-Specific Updates

Dear Health Plan Administrators,

Effective February 1, 2025, the New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) will no longer update the Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) "<u>APG Peer Group Base Rates – Provider-Specific</u>" data file on its website. Going forward, to standardize information being disseminated by OMH and the NYS Department of Health (DOH) and to eliminate potential discrepancies, Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs) should refer to the <u>APG Rate files</u> published by DOH. These files are populated directly from eMedNY, are updated monthly, and will be the source of truth when determining MMCP compliance with the government rate for MHOTRS.

The MHOTRS provider-specific rates can be accessed by visiting the <u>APG Rates</u> webpage administered by DOH. For ease of use, rates are separated alphabetically by facility name. Health Plan Administrators should carefully review these rates as they are assigned to specific MHOTRS locations and are adjusted to account for the type of facility, regional differences, and participation in the OMH Quality Improvement Collaborative initiative.

OMH MHOTRS peer group base rates, along with other important billing and claiming information, will continue to be updated by OMH and can be found on the <u>OMH MHOTRS Fiscal/Billing</u> <u>Resources</u> and the <u>Behavioral Health Managed Care Billing</u> webpages.

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