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Statutory Authority

CHAPTER AUTHORITY:

[N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1](#) et seq., and [30:4J-8](#) et seq.

History

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See: [55 N.J.R. 2267\(a\)](#).

CHAPTER HISTORICAL NOTE:

Chapter 77A, Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Provided In/By Community Residence Programs, adopted as new rules by R.2004, d.8, effective January 5, 2004. See: [35 N.J.R. 2620\(a\)](#), [35 N.J.R. 4204\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 189\(a\)](#).

Chapter 77A, Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Provided In/By Community Residence Programs, was readopted as R.2009 d.233, effective June 25, 2009. See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 77A, Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Provided In/By Community Residence Programs, was scheduled to expire on June 25, 2016. See: [43 N.J.R. 1203\(a\)](#).

Chapter 77A, Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Provided In/By Community Residence Programs, was readopted as R.2017 d.016, effective December 20, 2016. See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

Chapter 77A, Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Provided In/By Community Residence Programs, was readopted, effective August 14, 2023. See: Source and Effective Date.

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Chapter 77A, Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Provided In/By Community Residence Programs, expires on August 14, 2030.

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§ 10:77A-1.1 Scope and purpose

- (a)** The subchapter sets forth the program standards pertaining to the provision of adult mental health rehabilitation services provided to New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries in/by community residence programs licensed under [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#).
- (b)** Adult mental health rehabilitation services support and encourage the development and maintenance of appropriate skills needed by the beneficiary to ensure successful living within the community, reducing or eliminating the need for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In (a), deleted "-Plan A" following "FamilyCare".

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§ 10:77A-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Adult" means any individual who meets the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' criteria for adult services, as defined in [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#).

"Advanced practice nurse (APN)" means a person currently licensed to practice as a registered professional nurse who is certified by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing in accordance with [N.J.A.C. 13:37](#) and with [N.J.S.A. 45:11-45](#) through 52, or similarly licensed and certified by a comparable agency of the state in which he or she practices.

"Community residences for mentally ill adults" as used in this chapter means any community residential program licensed by, and under contract with, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to provide services in accordance with [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#) to mentally ill adults who require assistance to live independently in the community. "Community residences for mentally ill adults" does not include "supportive housing residences."

"Mental health rehabilitation services" means services provided in/by a community residence program licensed by DMHAS, which include, but are not limited to, assessment and development of a comprehensive service plan and implementation of the service plan through individual services coordination, training in daily living skills and supportive counseling.

"National Plan and Provider Enumerations System (NPPES)" means the system that assigns a provider a National Provider Identifier (NPI), maintains and updates information about health care providers with NPIs, and disseminates the NPI Registry and NPPES downloadable file. The NPI Registry is an online query system that allows users to search for a health care provider's information.

"National Provider Identifier (NPI)" means a unique 10-digit identification number issued to health care providers by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"Registered professional nurse (RN)" means a person who is licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing as a professional nurse pursuant to [N.J.S.A. 45:11-26](#) and in accordance with [N.J.A.C. 13:37](#) or similarly licensed and certified by a comparable agency of the state in which he or she practices.

"Supportive housing residence" means any unit of dwelling space as defined at [N.J.A.C. 10:37A-1.2](#).

"Taxonomy code" means a code that describes the provider or organization's type, classification, and the area of specialization.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

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See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

Added definitions "Advanced practice nurse (APN)" and "Registered professional nurse (RN)".

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In definition "Adult", inserted "and Addiction"; in definition "Community residences for mentally ill adults", inserted "and Addiction", substituted "(DMHAS)" for "(DMHS)", substituted "supportive" for "Supportive", substituted "residences." for "residences", and deleted "as the term is defined herein." from the end; and in definition "Mental health rehabilitation services", substituted "DMHAS" for "the DMHS" and deleted a comma following "plan".

Amended by R.2024 d.111, effective November 18, 2024.

See: [56 N.J.R. 541\(a\)](#), [56 N.J.R. 2240\(b\)](#).

Added definitions "National Plan and Provider Enumerations System (NPPES)", "National Provider Identifier (NPI)", and "Taxonomy code".

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§ 10:77A-1.3 Provider participation

(a) In order to participate in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs, all applicants shall be licensed by and under contract with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) as a community residence for mentally ill adults in accordance with [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#).

(b) All providers shall complete and submit the following documents, and shall update the documents when the information contained therein changes, for example, when a new license is issued and/or when any information on the FD-20 changes:

1. "Medicaid Provider Application" (FD-20);
2. "Medicaid Provider Agreement" (FD-62);
3. A copy of a current and valid license from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and
4. "Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement" (CMS 1513).

(c) Providers shall submit the documents listed at (b) above to:

Gainwell Technologies

Provider Enrollment

PO Box 4804

Trenton, New Jersey 08650

(d) A separate application shall be submitted for each county in which the provider renders services.

(e) In order to participate in the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Program, all providers shall:

1. Have a valid National Provider Identifier (NPI) number obtained from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES);
2. Have a valid taxonomy code obtained from the NPPES; and
3. Remain a provider in good standing by successfully completing provider revalidation when requested by DMAHS.

(f) The applicant will receive written notification of approval or disapproval of Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare provider status from the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS). If approved, the applicant will be assigned a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Provider Number and will receive a copy of this chapter as part of the provider manual. Each provider agency shall be assigned a unique provider number for each county in which services are provided.

(g) DMHAS will certify to DMAHS, the level of care and the number of beds and separate sites for each agency.

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(h) If an adult mental health rehabilitation services provider loses its license from DMHAS, the provider shall notify the DMAHS Provider Enrollment Unit, at the address in (c) above, within five business days of losing the license.

1. The adult mental health rehabilitation provider will be disenrolled as a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare provider until such time as the license is restored. Once DMHAS restores the provider's license, the provider, upon providing proof of the restoration of the license to the provider enrollment office noted above, will be reinstated as a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare provider, as long as the requirements of [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#) and this chapter are met and continue to be met. The effective date shall be the date of reinstatement as determined by DMHAS licensing standards.
2. The adult mental health rehabilitation provider may be held liable for recoupment of any monies paid for services during the time that they did not possess a valid license or a valid license for the specific site at which the services were provided, for all services reimbursed.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In (a) and (b)3, inserted "and Addiction"; in (a), substituted "programs" for "program", and substituted "(DMHAS)" for "(DMHS)"; in (e), deleted a comma following "Number"; in (f), substituted the first occurrence of "DMHAS" for "The DMHS", and "DHMAS," for "the DMHAS"; in (g), substituted "DHMAS" for "DMHS" three times; and in (g)1, inserted a comma following the fifth occurrence of "provider".

Amended by R.2024 d.111, effective November 18, 2024.

See: [56 N.J.R. 541\(a\)](#), [56 N.J.R. 2240\(b\)](#).

In (c), substituted "at" for "in", and updated the address; added a new (e); and recodified former (e) through (g) as (f) through (h).

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§ 10:77A-1.4 Beneficiary eligibility

- (a)** Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries shall be eligible for adult mental health rehabilitation (AMHR) services provided in/by community residence programs, if such services have been determined clinically necessary using the criteria established by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (see [N.J.A.C. 10:37](#)), or as authorized by any contracted agent of the Department of Human Services, which authorizes clinical need for mental health services for adults.
- (b)** NJ FamilyCare-Plan G beneficiaries are not eligible for AMHR services provided in/by community residence programs. (See [N.J.A.C. 10:49-24.3](#))
- (c)** Beneficiaries eligible as "medically needy" in accordance with [N.J.A.C. 10:71](#) shall not be eligible for AMHR services provided in/by community residence programs.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In (a), deleted "-Plan A" following "FamilyCare" and inserted a comma following "Human Services"; and in (b), substituted "Plan G" for "Plans B, C, D, G and H" and inserted "(See [N.J.A.C. 10:49-24.3](#))".

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In (a), inserted "and Addiction".

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§ 10:77A-2.1 Program requirements

(a) Adult mental health rehabilitation (AMHR) services provided in/by community residence programs to Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries shall meet all program and licensure requirements contained in [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#), Community Residences for Mentally Ill Adults.

(b) AMHR services shall include, at a minimum, but are not limited to:

- 1.** Assessment and evaluation;
- 2.** Individual services coordination;
- 3.** Training in daily living skills;
- 4.** Residential counseling;
- 5.** Support services; and
- 6.** Crisis intervention counseling services.

(c) All AMHR services shall be provided directly by, or under the direction or coordination of, agency staff.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In (a), deleted "/ CSOCL" following "FamilyCare".

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§ 10:77A-2.2 Levels of care

- (a)** Level A+ means community mental health rehabilitation services available in the community residence, or in a community setting, 24 hours per day, delivered by the provider.
- (b)** Level A means community mental health rehabilitation services available in the community residence or in a community setting at least 12 hours per day, but less than 24 hours per day, delivered by the provider.
- (c)** Level B means community mental health rehabilitation services available in the community residence, or in a community setting, at least four hours per day, but less than 12 hours per day, delivered by the provider.
- (d)** Level D means community mental health rehabilitation services available in the community residence, in residences not to exceed five residents, or in a community setting, 24 hours per day, delivered by the provider.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2007 d.189, effective June 18, 2007.

See: [39 N.J.R. 340\(a\)](#), [39 N.J.R. 2363\(a\)](#).

In (d), inserted "but less than four hours per day,".

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In (a), (b), and (d), deleted the last sentence; and in (c), substituted "health" for "heath", and deleted the last two sentences.

Amended by R.2024 d.111, effective November 18, 2024.

See: [56 N.J.R. 541\(a\)](#), [56 N.J.R. 2240\(b\)](#).

Deleted former (d); and recodified former (e) as (d).

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§ 10:77A-2.3 Nursing assessments

(a) Upon admission to an adult mental health rehabilitation community residence program, all beneficiaries shall receive a comprehensive nursing assessment, completed by a registered nurse, or higher level nursing professional, in addition to any and all assessments required by [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#).

(b) The initial nursing assessment shall be completed within 14 calendar days of admission, as follows:

1. The initial nursing assessment shall justify the need for continued mental health rehabilitation services and shall include a recommendation for an appropriate level of service; and
2. The initial nursing assessment shall be used in conjunction with the comprehensive intake assessment to develop the comprehensive service plan as required in [N.J.A.C. 10:37A](#).

(c) A registered nurse, or higher level professional, shall conduct a review at least every 90 days for each beneficiary receiving AMHR services. The review conducted shall consist of a face-to-face visit, which shall include an assessment of the beneficiary's clinical condition and a review, which shall assure that services are being provided consistent with the beneficiary's comprehensive service plan. During each visit, the reviewer shall, at a minimum:

1. Review the service plan;
2. Review the observations and progress notes made by the direct care staff;
3. Assess the client's health; and
4. Indicate any changes needed in treatment approaches in the service plan.

(d) Comprehensive nursing reassessments shall be completed on at least an annual basis and shall include a justification for the continuation of services and a recommendation for the appropriate level of care.

1. Nursing reassessments shall be completed upon any significant positive or negative change in the condition of a beneficiary which may warrant a permanent or temporary change in the level of care rendered to the beneficiary.

(e) All nursing assessments, reassessments and supervisory follow up visits shall be performed in the beneficiary's residence and shall be related specifically to mental health rehabilitation services. Nursing reassessments shall indicate progression or regression relative to the beneficiary's condition and treatment goals.

(f) All beneficiaries determined to need community mental health rehabilitation services shall be placed in the least restrictive and most effective level of care that will meet their needs.

(g) If the beneficiary is determined to need a lesser level of care than the group home or supervised apartment he or she is residing in is licensed to provide, the providers shall only bill for the lower level of care needed and provided.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2007 d.189, effective June 18, 2007.

See: [39 N.J.R. 340\(a\)](#), [39 N.J.R. 2363\(a\)](#).

In the introductory paragraph of (c), substituted "90" for "60", and inserted a comma following "and a review".

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In (f), substituted "that" for "which".

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§ 10:77A-2.4 Staff training

(a) All providers shall comply with the general training requirements prescribed by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) at [N.J.A.C. 10:37D-2.14](#).

(b) In addition to the general training requirements at [N.J.A.C. 10:37D-2.14](#), each provider shall develop, update, and administer a comprehensive, competency-based training program for individuals providing adult mental health residential services. Competency-based training programs involve measurable skill development and demonstrated, documented evidence of employee skill attainment. Training in CPR and First Aid shall be provided by an American Heart Association (AHA) or Red Cross certified trainer, which, upon successful completion of the training, issues a certificate to the employee confirming that competency was achieved. The DMHAS will be responsible for monitoring the provider's training programs. The following topics, at a minimum, shall be included in the training curriculum:

1. Overview to adult mental health rehabilitation services, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Psychiatric rehabilitation;
 - ii. Resident populations;
 - iii. Working with persons with mental illness;
 - iv. Continuum of care and discharge orientation;
 - v. Professional ethics and boundaries; and
 - vi. Confidentiality;
2. Emergency preparedness, including, but not limited to:
 - i. CPR/first aid;
 - ii. The Heimlich maneuver/abdominal thrusts;
 - iii. Crisis prevention and management; and
 - iv. Infection control;
3. Medication/clinical issues, including:
 - i. Policies and procedures for distribution and facilitation of the administration of prescription and non-prescription medication;
 - ii. Classes of medication, therapeutic objectives, side effects, and interactions, including documentation and reporting of side effects to appropriate medical professional;
 - iii. Facilitation of proper administration techniques, including dispensing and observation; and

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- iv. Clinical communication, including how to report symptoms when encountering problematic medical/clinical situations and pertinent information to share with medical providers during emergencies;
- 4. Substance abuse issues in conjunction with mental illness;
- 5. Suicide prevention, including, but not limited to, risk factors and warning signs;
- 6. Activities of daily living and personal care management, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Personal hygiene;
 - ii. Food preparation and nutrition;
 - iii. Household maintenance, laundry, budgeting; and
 - iv. Monitoring of prescribed individual eating modifications; and
- 7. Documentation, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Daily attendance logs where applicable (for programs reimbursed on a per day basis);
 - ii. Daily recording of nature of services rendered, including the total number of units of service provided;
 - iii. Weekly progress notes; and
 - iv. Objective versus subjective recording of information.

(c) All individuals who provide AMHR services, other than a psychiatrist, regardless of credentials, shall have completed the training required by (a) and (b) above in order for their service time to be counted toward the minimum service requirements necessary for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare reimbursement.

(d) Individuals who are delivering services who have not completed the required training shall not deliver services alone. Such individuals shall be supervised by, and shall deliver the services in conjunction with, a trained person who is on-site and provides in-person supervision.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In the introductory paragraph of (b), inserted the third sentence; in (b)2ii, inserted "/abdominal thrusts"; in (b)6iii, inserted a comma following "laundry"; and in (c), deleted "-Plan A" following "FamilyCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In (a), inserted "and Addiction" and substituted "(DMHAS)" for "(DMHS)"; in the introductory paragraph of (b), inserted a comma following "update", and substituted "Competency-based" for "Competency based" and "DMHAS" for "DMHS"; in (b)3ii, substituted "and interactions," for "interactions, "; and in (b)3iv, inserted a comma following "communication", and deleted the parenthesis preceding "including" and following "emergencies".

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§ 10:77A-2.5 Basis of reimbursement

- (a)** Reimbursement for AMHR services provided in or by community residence programs to eligible Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries shall be based on the site-specific levels of care delivered by each provider, in accordance with this chapter.
- (b)** Reimbursement will be on a fee-for-service basis for each level of care, billable in either per-diem or quarter-hour units of service as applicable and as enumerated in this chapter and the billing supplement to this chapter. The rates shall be all-inclusive and shall be based on the range of services included in the service definition. The fee shall not include non-treatment and/or non-rehabilitation-related services, including, but not limited to, room and board, recreational and vocational services.
- (c)** Providers will be reimbursed on a per diem basis for services provided by all Level A+, A and D programs and those Level B programs that are group homes.
 - 1.** Providers shall seek reimbursement only for the dates that the beneficiary:
 - i.** Received services;
 - ii.** Was documented as being under the care of the facility; and
 - iii.** Was physically present in the facility during at least part of the 24-hour period starting and ending at midnight.
 - 2.** Providers may seek reimbursement for services provided on the date that the beneficiary is admitted to the facility, but shall not seek reimbursement for services provided on the beneficiary's date of discharge.
 - i.** The beneficiary's discharge date shall be the date the beneficiary is expected to permanently leave the residence. The discharge date shall not include dates that the beneficiary leaves, but is expected to return, including, but not limited to, absences due to vacations, visits with family, or temporary hospitalization.
 - 3.** Providers may bill for consecutive dates of service on the same billing form line, but shall not span dates from more than one calendar month on the same billing form line and shall not include in the consecutive dates of service any dates that a resident was not physically present.
- (d)** Providers shall be reimbursed for quarter-hour units of service for rendering services at those Level B programs that are supervised apartments. A quarter-hour unit of service is defined as 15-consecutive minutes of service.
 - 1.** Providers who bill in quarter-hour (15 minute) units shall complete a separate claim line on the CMS 1500 for each separate date on which services were provided and shall indicate the total number of units of service that were provided on that day.
 - 2.** Non-consecutive shorter time periods shall not be added together to total 15 minutes.

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3. Non-consecutive multiple complete units of service rendered on the same day, when provided in accordance with this chapter, will be reimbursed.

(e) Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare reimbursement will not be provided for both mental health personal care assistant (PCA) services and AMHR services provided in or by a community residence program for the same beneficiary on the same date of service. Medical or physical PCA services rendered to a beneficiary will be reimbursed, if all other applicable requirements are met.

(f) Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare reimbursement will not be provided for Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) services provided to the same beneficiary on the same date of service.

(g) If a beneficiary is required to remain in a residence while awaiting transfer to a more appropriate facility (see [N.J.A.C. 10:77A-2.3](#)), the provider shall request reimbursement at the lesser of:

1. The level of service approval for the site; or
2. The level of care which the resident requires.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In (a), deleted "Plan A" following "FamilyCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

In (g), updated the N.J.A.C. reference.

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See: [56 N.J.R. 541\(a\)](#), [56 N.J.R. 2240\(b\)](#).

In the introductory paragraph of (d), deleted "all Level C programs and at" following the first occurrence of "at", and substituted "15-consecutive" for "15 consecutive".

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§ 10:77A-2.6 Recordkeeping

(a) All community residences for mentally ill adults shall keep such legible records as are necessary to fully disclose the kind and extent of services provided, as well as the medical necessity for such services, and the place, date and the total units of service that were provided.

(b) Recordkeeping for AMHR services shall include clinical records and reports for each individual beneficiary. These reports shall cover the medical, nursing, social and health-related care rendered to the beneficiary, in accordance with accepted professional standards.

(c) The provider shall maintain, at a minimum, the following documentation in support of all claims for payment:

1. The name of the beneficiary;
2. The date(s) of service(s);
3. The type(s) of service(s) provided;
4. The name of the residential program providing the service and the specific location that the service was provided; and
5. Appropriate service documentation:
 - i. For services reimbursed on a per diem basis, documentation shall include a daily census of the residence and proof of staffing levels consistent with the level of care.
 - ii. For services reimbursed on a per quarter-hour basis documentation shall include the time of arrival and departure of the staff member, the total amount of time the Medicaid-reimbursable service(s) were provided, the name(s) of the staff rendering the service(s) and the name of the resident(s) receiving the service(s).

(d) All records shall be made available upon request to representatives of the Department of Human Services or its authorized agents.

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CHAPTER 77A. ADULT MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED IN/BY
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PROCEDURE CODING SYSTEM (HCPCS)**

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(a) The New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs use the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). HCPCS follows the American Medical Association's Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) architecture, employing a five-position code and as many as two 2-position modifiers. The CPT is a listing of descriptive terms and numeric identifying codes and modifiers for reporting medical procedures and services performed by physicians. Unlike the CPT numeric design, the CMS assigned codes and modifiers may contain alphabetic characters.

(b) HCPCS is a two-level coding system, as follows:

- 1. LEVEL I CODES** (narratives found in the CPT): These codes are adapted from the Physicians Current Procedural Terminology, as amended and supplemented, published by the American Medical Association, 515 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60610, incorporated herein by reference. The CPT codes are used primarily by physicians, podiatrists, optometrists, certified nurse-midwives, advanced practice nurses, independent clinics and independent laboratories. Copyright restrictions make it impossible to print substantial excerpts from CPT procedure narratives for Level I codes. Thus, in order to determine those narratives, it is necessary to refer to the CPT.

- 2. LEVEL II CODES:** The narratives for Level II codes are found in this subchapter. These codes are not found in the CPT and are assigned by CMS for use by physicians and other practitioners.

(c) Regarding specific elements of HCPCS codes, which require the attention of providers, the lists of HCPCS code numbers for services are arranged in tabular form with specific information for a code given under columns with titles, such as "HCPCS Code," "DESCRIPTION" and "MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE." The information given under each column is summarized below:

- "HCPCS Code"--Lists the HCPCS procedure code numbers;
- "DESCRIPTION--Code narrative: Complete narratives for the codes are found at [N.J.A.C. 10:77A-2.2](#);
- "MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE"--Lists the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs' maximum fee allowance schedule. If the symbol "B.R." (By Report) is listed instead of a dollar amount, it means that additional information will be required in order to properly evaluate the service. Attach a copy of the report to the claim form. If the symbol "N.A." (Not Applicable) is listed instead of a dollar amount, it means that the service is not reimbursable.

(d) Alphabetic and numeric symbols under "IND" and "MOD": These symbols, when listed under the "IND" and "MOD" columns, are elements of the HCPCS coding system used as qualifiers or indicators ("IND" column) and as modifiers ("MOD" column). They assist the provider in determining the appropriate procedure codes to be used, the area to be covered, the minimum requirements needed, and any additional parameters required for reimbursement purposes.

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1. Providers shall consider these symbols and letters when billing because the symbols/letters reflect requirements, in addition to the narrative that accompanies the CPT/HCPCS procedure code, for which the provider is liable. These additional requirements shall be fulfilled before reimbursement is requested.

- i. "52" Reduced Services: Under certain circumstances a service or procedure is partially reduced or modified. Under these circumstances the service provided can be identified by its usual procedure number and the addition of the modifier '52,' signifying that the service is reduced or modified. This provides a means of reporting reduced services without disturbing the identification of the basic service. In this chapter, the "52" modifier indicates that AMHR services are rendered in a supervised apartment setting rather than in a group home setting.
- ii. "U1" means Level A+ level of care as defined at [N.J.A.C. 10:77A-2.2\(a\)](#).
- iii. "U2" means Level A level of care as defined at [N.J.A.C. 10:77A-2.2\(b\)](#).
- iv. "U3" means Level B level of care as defined at [N.J.A.C. 10:77A-2.2\(c\)](#).

(e) The general and specific requirements of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs that pertain to HCPCS follow:

- 1. When filing a claim, the appropriate HCPCS Codes shall be used in conjunction with modifiers, when applicable;
- 2. The use of a procedure code shall be interpreted by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs as evidence that the provider furnished, as a minimum, the service for which it stands;
- 3. When billing, the provider shall enter onto a CMS 1500 claim form, a CPT/HCPCS procedure code as listed in CPT or in this subchapter.
- 4. Date(s) of service(s) shall be indicated on the claim form and in the provider's own record for each service billed;
- 5. The "MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE" as noted with these procedure codes represents the maximum amount a provider will be reimbursed for the given procedure;
 - i. All references to time parameters shall mean the provider's personal time in reference to the service rendered, unless otherwise indicated. These procedure codes are all-inclusive for all procedures provided during that time;
- 6. Written records in substantiation of the use of a given procedure code shall be available for review and/or inspection if requested by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, the Department of Human Services, or any contracted and authorized agent of the Department.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.2009 d.233, effective July 20, 2009.

See: [41 N.J.R. 942\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 2792\(a\)](#).

In the introductory paragraph of (b), substituted "two-level" for "three-level"; in (b)1, substituted "advanced practice nurses" for "certified nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists"; deleted (b)3; in the introductory paragraph of (c), inserted a comma following "codes" and "titles"; in (c)2, substituted "Complete narratives for the" for "Narratives for Level III"; and added (d)1i.

Amended by R.2017 d.016, effective January 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 1487\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 201\(b\)](#).

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In the introductory paragraph of (d), inserted a comma following "needed"; in (d)1, substituted "and" for "and/or"; and in the introductory paragraph of (e), substituted "programs" for "program".

Amended by R.2024 d.111, effective November 18, 2024.

See: [56 N.J.R. 541\(a\)](#), [56 N.J.R. 2240\(b\)](#).

Added (d)1ii through (d)1iv.

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§ 10:77A-3.2 HCPCS codes and maximum fee allowance schedule for adult mental health rehabilitation services provided in/by community residence programs

HCPCS Code	MOD	Definition	Maximum Fee Allowance
H0019	U1	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level A+ Group Home (per diem)	\$ 164.00
H0019	52 U1	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level A+ Supervised Apartment (per diem)	\$ 164.00
H0019	U2	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level A Group Home (per diem)	\$ 131.00
H0019	52 U2	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level A Supervised Apartment (per diem)	\$ 66.00
H0019	U3	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level B Group Home (per diem)	\$ 102.00
H0019	52 U3	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level B Supervised Apartment (per 15 minutes)	\$ 3.75 (\$ 15.00/hour)
H0019	U5	Adult MH Rehab. Svcs. Level D (per diem)	\$ 40.00

History

HISTORY:

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See: [56 N.J.R. 541\(a\)](#), [56 N.J.R. 2240\(b\)](#).

Rewrote the table.

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