

DATE: May 18, 2016

TO: Regional Behavioral Health Authorities

FROM: AHCCCS Division of Health Care Management and ADHS Division of Behavioral Health Services

SUBJECT: Group Modifier for H2025 & H2027; Rate Negotiations

A. Group Modifier: H2025 and H2027

Ongoing support to maintain employment (H2025) and psychoeducational services (H2027) may be provided in an individual or group setting. Effective April 1, 2016, AHCCCS requires that H2025 and H2027 provided in a group setting be billed using the group modifier "HQ." Please notify your provider network that providers must use the group modifier when billing for H2025 and H2027 provided in a group setting.

For the Fee-For-Service ("FFS") network, the group rates for H2025 and H2027 are as follows:

1. H2025-HQ: \$2.10 per 15 minutes per member;
2. H2027-HQ: \$3.00 per 15 minutes per member.

Of course, RBHAs do not have to use the FFS rates. Each RBHA may negotiate with its provider network to establish the group rate for H2025 and H2027 that is sufficient to ensure that RBHA members get the H2025 and H2027 services as necessary. RBHAs may negotiate and finalize H2025 and H2027 rates (both group and individual) with providers without first obtaining approval from AHCCCS or ADHS/DBHS.

B. Rate Negotiations

Section IV.C.11 of the ADHS/DBHS Financial Reporting Guide for Regional and Tribal Behavioral Health Authorities subjects provider rates to "review and approval by ADHS/DBHS." ADHS/DBHS hereby notifies RHBAs that RHBAs no longer need to follow that portion of Section IV.C.11 that requires RHBAs to seek review and approval by ADHS/DBHS prior to adjusting providers' rates. Nothing in this Memorandum should be construed to relieve RHBAs from fulfilling any other legal or contractual obligation.

Sincerely,



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