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Medicaid Payment for Non-licensed Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Services

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Dear Provider,

New Hampshire DHHS has published the following guidance on June 10, 2020 under Reference Number 20-0005: Medicaid Payment for Non-licensed Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Services.

NH Healthy Families will continue to follow the guidance outlined by DHHS as noted below:

- Authorizes payment for MCM Program covered services rendered by non-licensed mental health, and SUD treatment providers, actively working toward professional licensure when under the supervision of NH Medicaid licensed practitioners.
- Follows the conditions of payment outlined in the DHHS notice including:
 - Services are furnished directly by a non-licensed practitioner who works under the supervision of a licensed provider for purposes of accumulating clinical hours for purposes of New Hampshire licensure application;
 - The licensed provider is able to furnish the service being provided;
 - The state's Scope of Practice Act for the licensed practitioner specifically allows the licensed practitioner to supervise the non-licensed practitioner who furnishes the service;
 - The state's Scope of Practice Act also requires the licensed provider to assume professional responsibility for the patient and the service furnished by the unlicensed practitioner under their supervision; and
 - The licensed provider bills for the service.
- Allows NH Medicaid contracted mental health, alcohol and other drug use providers to bill for supervised Medicaid covered services delivered by a non-licensed practitioner actively working toward professional licensure:
 - Licensed physician certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Medical Specialties
 - Licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner
 - Licensed psychologist
 - Licensed marriage and family therapist
 - Licensed clinical mental health counselor

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- Licensed clinical social worker
- Licensed pastoral psychotherapists
- Master Licensed alcohol and drug counselor
- The supervising provider must:
 - Be licensed and actively enrolled in NH Medicaid;
 - Only supervise for services within their scope of practice;
 - Adhere to supervision requirements under the supervising provider's scope of practice;
 - For SUD treatment services, adhere to supervision requirements of He-W 513;
 - Assume professional and legal responsibility for the non-licensed practitioner actively working toward professional licensure; and
 - For mental health supervisors, have a written candidate for licensure supervision agreement on record and approved by the licensing board before becoming effective.
- When billing Medicaid covered services rendered by a non-licensed practitioner actively working toward professional licensure, the licensed NH Medicaid provider NPI shall be included on claim forms.
- Services not eligible for reimbursement include:
 - Services rendered by any provider who is eligible to be enrolled as a NH Medicaid provider, but has not applied to be a NH Medicaid provider.
 - Services performed by a non-licensed provider who cannot practice independently, and is not actively working toward professional licensure.

Please contact Provider Services at 866-769-3085 with any questions.

Thank you,

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