



**Louisiana Department of Health
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Behavioral Health Alternate Payment Methodology in FQHCs and RHCs

Effective with dates of service beginning April 1, 2019, Medicaid will establish an alternative payment methodology (APM) for behavioral health services provided in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC). On March 20, 2019, the [Louisiana Register](#) published the rule regarding the new behavioral health APM. The APM applies to services provided by one of the following practitioners:

1. Physicians with a psychiatric specialty.
2. Nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists with a psychiatric specialty.
3. Licensed clinical social workers.
4. Clinical psychologists.

The APM allows reimbursement for behavioral health services equal to the all-inclusive prospective payment system rate on file for the date of services. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive prospective payment system (PPS) rate on the same date for medical and dental services.

FQHC and RHC providers will use HCPCS Code H2020 for billing of the APM rate. Going forward RHC and FQHC providers can bill the T1015, D0999 and H2020 on the same day of service and be reimbursed for all three HCPCS codes at the PPS rate on file for the date of service.

Providers must submit the HCPCS Code H2020 on the first line of the claim submission and include detailed lines for all services rendered along with the usual or customary charges or zero. DXC Technology will have encounter edits in place to ensure proper billing of this HCPCS code.

Managed care organizations (MCO) must update policy and procedures in accordance with the requirements set forth above, prior to June 1, 2019. All MCOs must complete the updates

accordingly and publish written instructions for providers regarding claim submissions no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory. Written instructions to providers must include directives on how MCOs will handle behavioral health claims that were submitted prior to the system updates and claims held by providers pending system updates.

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please contact Irma Gauthier at Irma.Gauthier2@la.gov.