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**Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update**

Based on Act 4 (House Bill 1) of the 2024 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, Medicaid is **temporarily increasing** the reimbursement rates for substance use disorder (SUD) providers ~~for dates of service between October 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025~~ in an amount not to exceed \$31.2 million in State Fiscal Year 2025. For dates of service between October 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, this includes a 25-percent temporary increase for residential and outpatient SUD services on the Specialized Behavioral Health (SBH) fee schedule. For dates of service between December 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, the above referenced services will be temporarily increased by 50 percent, when rendered to pregnant and post-partum women as part of the Louisiana Department of Health’s focus on maternal health. Providers are to append modifier “TH” to eligible claims for pregnant and post-partum women, per the SBH fee schedule, in order to qualify for the 50-percent increase. Please note, the applicable rates have been will be provided on a separate schedule from the existing Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) tab.

Each managed care entity (MCE) must update their claims processing systems to properly adjudicate residential and outpatient SUD services at the 25-percent temporarily increased rates within 30 days of the original date of this Informational Bulletin. For SUD services rendered to pregnant and post-partum women at the 50-percent temporarily increased rates, systems must be updated within 60 days of the revised date of the Informational Bulletin. The updated fee schedule is available at [Medicaid Provider Resources](#).

MCEs shall recycle any claims that were not paid according to these changes ~~for any claims with dates of service between October 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025~~ **within 15 days of implementing the system changes.** MCEs shall also notify providers of their process and timeline for implementing the changes as well as their plan to recycle impacted claims.

Questions regarding managed care claims processing, billing guidance and prior authorization should be directed to the appropriate MCE.

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