



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Behavioral Health

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2023
TO: Evidence-Based Practitioners, Licensed Mental Health Professionals, and Psychiatrists
FROM: Karen Stubbs Church, J.D. *KSC*
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SUBJECT: ARPA Provider Incentives

The Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) is pleased to announce that we have received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to offer the following temporary incentive payments available to eligible evidence-based practitioners, licensed mental health professionals, and psychiatrists.

| Provider | Summary of Incentive Payment |
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| Evidence-Based Practitioners of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-5 Child-Parent Psychotherapy • Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy • Parent-Child Interaction Therapy • Preschool PTSD Treatment • Youth PTSD Treatment • Positive Parenting Program • Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (for Adolescents) | <p>Recruitment bonus for new EBP practitioners who provide proof of training and enroll in the MCO network. Payments range from \$2,917 to \$6,250, depending on specific EBP to be provided.</p> <p>Retention payment for practitioners providing EBP services for at least 6 months. Payments range from \$1,417 to \$2,083, depending on specific EBP provided.</p> |
| Licensed Mental Health Professionals and Psychiatrists (who provide services in home and community-based settings) | Retention payment of \$321.31 for being part of the network for 6 months and providing home and community-based services to at least one member in the MCO network. Providers may earn a retention payment from each of the six (6) MCOs when the criteria is met. |

These incentives are in effect for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, or until funding is depleted (whichever comes first). OBH is partnering with the Healthy Louisiana Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to implement incentive payments for eligible providers. The MCOs will host informational sessions in the upcoming months to provide an opportunity for providers to learn more about these incentive opportunities.

We appreciate your work in providing support and care to our members.