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Dear Community Mental Health Services Provider:

The proposed implementation date for the revised Medicaid Community Behavioral Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook has been changed from July 1, 2004 to October 1, 2004.

This letter provides you with an important reimbursement change in community mental health services policy. Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2004, Florida Medicaid will be expanding the practitioner reimbursement rate for intensive therapeutic on-site services.

Effective July 1, 2004, intensive therapeutic on-site services that are provided by an individual with:

- A master's degree from an accredited university or college with a major in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, nursing, rehabilitation, special education, health education, or a related human services field
- ❖ May be billed to Medicaid using procedure code H2021 HO and will be reimbursed at an hourly rate of \$64.00.

For intensive therapeutic on-site services not rendered by a practitioner meeting the specific master's degree requirement, you will continue to bill Medicaid using procedure code H2021 and be reimbursed at the current hourly rate of \$48.00.

If you are not exempt from prior authorization, you will still be required to get prior authorization for your intensive therapeutic on-site services. Your prior authorization requests to First Health must be submitted using procedure code H2021 for both master's level and bachelor's level practitioners. Your First Health approved prior authorization number will then be issued under procedure code H2021. You will however be permitted to submit your intensive therapeutic on-site services claims to the fiscal agent, ACS, by billing either procedure code H2021 or H2021 HO. The total units you bill using either procedure code H2021 or H2021 HO may not exceed the total First Health approved units shown for the prior authorization number issued for procedure code H2021. Any Medicaid overpayment for non-authorized intensive therapeutic on-site services will be subject to recoupment.



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It is anticipated that the new draft handbook will be distributed to providers by July 2004. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Comeaux at (850) 921-8288.

Sincerely,

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