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Dear Medicaid Community Mental Health Services Provider:

This letter provides you with two important changes in community mental health services policy.

1. Provider Qualifications

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2004, Florida Medicaid will change the staff requirement for whom may render *Community-Based Wrap-Around Services (H2021)*, replacing *Intensive Therapeutic On-Site Services (W1071)*. If you elect to provide these services, please ensure that by April 1, 2004, your agency conforms to the new policy requirement.

Effective April 1, 2004, these services must be 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; and
- Two years of professional experience providing services to persons with mental health or substance abuse disorders; or
- Who is under the supervision of a licensed practitioner of the healing arts.

We encourage you to use the time between now and April 1, 2004 to make any necessary changes in personnel so you will be prepared to provide these services. Medicaid is excited about offering these new services, as they will provide a unique set of intensive community-based services, including maximizing of natural supports for children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances.

2. Interim Policy for Community Mental Health Services Procedure Codes

The chart below explains the interim policy that will be in place for billing all community mental health procedure codes for dates of service on or after October 16, 2003 until January 1, 2004.



Interim Policy for Community Mental Health Procedure Codes

Old Code	New Code	Code Description	Effective Date of New Code	Fee Schedule for New Code on 10/16/2003	Comments Special Notes
W1036	H2010	Interpretation or Explanation of Results of Psychiatric Exam	10/16/2003	\$36.37	Bill 1 unit
W1044	H2014	Basic Living Skills Training	10/16/2003	\$25.00	<u>When provided on the same day bill 2 units to equal the old W1044 & W1046 codes. When only 1 service provided, bill 1 unit of H2014.</u>
W1046	H2014	Social Rehabilitation and Counseling			
W1050	H2010	Medical/Psychiatric Services	10/16/2003	<u>Payment Requires Special Billing of 2 Units @ \$36.37</u>	<u>Bill two (2) units @ \$36.37 each in order to receive an appropriate payment, which equals the old W1050 service code</u>
W1064	H2017	Rehabilitation Day Treatment	10/16/2003	\$32.98	Prior authorization (when applicable)

You have recently received a Medicaid document that includes an Advance Update to Appendix J. This appendix contains information on the national standard procedure codes that have replaced local procedure codes. Please note that when a modifier code is listed with the national code, the modifier must be entered on the claim form for appropriate reimbursement.

Please contact your area Medicaid office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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