

Provider Update



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Behavioral health/substance use disorder therapy services not allowed in nursing facility

Summary of change: Effective immediately and retroactive to dates of service January 1, 2013, behavioral health and substance use disorder (SUD) therapy services will not be allowed when billed and provided in nursing facility places of service.

What this means to you:

The following codes will not be allowed when billed in place of service 31 (skilled nursing facility), 32 (nursing facility) or 33 (custodial care facility):

- SUD:
 - H0001 — alcohol/drug assessment
 - H0004 — behavioral health counseling and therapy per 15 minutes
 - H0005 — alcohol/drug services: group counseling by a clinician
- Behavioral health:
 - 90791 — psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
 - 90792 — psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services
 - 90832 — psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient/family member
 - 90834 — psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient/family member
 - 90837 — psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient/family member
 - 90847 — family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) with patient present
 - 90853 — group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple family group)

Nursing facilities are currently not allowed to include these services in their cost reports. But within regulatory language, nursing facilities remain responsible for ensuring access to needed services. If these services are provided outside the facility to individuals with a nursing facility/custodial care level of care, they can be considered for reimbursement.

What if I need assistance?

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