

Provider Update

Emergency room services during inpatient psychiatric admission

Summary of update: Historically, inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs) have been responsible for reimbursement of emergency room services rendered to TennCare members that occurred during the inpatient psychiatric admission. As a result of recent discussions with the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA), the managed care organizations (MCOs), and the psychiatric hospitals, THA made a decision to fund the reimbursement of emergency room services that occur during an inpatient psychiatric admission.

✦ **What this means to you:** Effective January 1, 2016, the MCOs will be required to process and pay for acute care emergency room services that are rendered to TennCare members during an inpatient psychiatric admission. As of the effective date, acute care facilities should bill emergency room services while a member is inpatient at a psychiatric facility to the respective MCO.

What if I need assistance?

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