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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: Medical and Therapeutic Leave Days

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans of modifications in coverage and reimbursement for medical and therapeutic leave days in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

Medical and therapeutic leave days will be reimbursed at 50 percent of the PRTF per diem as follows:

- Medical leave days: a maximum of five days per treatment episode for each of the following:
 - Inpatient psychiatric care: five days AND
 - Medical/surgical hospitalizations: five days
- Therapeutic leave days: a maximum of 10 days per treatment episode

CMS approved the modifications for PRTF leave days according to the statutory requirements in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C, 42 CFR 440.345 and 420 CFR 447.40.

In addition to the modification for coverage of leave days in a PRTF, there will no longer be coverage and reimbursement for medical and therapeutic leave days for other behavioral health services for youth or adults.

The effective date of these changes is October 1, 2018.

If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact MLTC staff at DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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