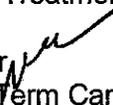


# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Providers

FROM: Vivianne M. Chaumont, Director,   
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RE: Regulations for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services

**Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff**

The Governor approved updated Regulations for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services on November 17, 2008. They become effective with date of service November 22, 2008. The updated regulations are available at [www.dhhs.ne.gov/reg/t471.htm](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/reg/t471.htm), Chapter 35.

These regulations add an alternative that allows ACT programs to use Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to cover a portion of the required psychiatrist hours, within specific guidelines defined in the policy.

The rate of reimbursement for traditional ACT programs that provide 16 hours of psychiatrist coverage will remain either \$43.11 (non-managed care) or \$43.14 (managed care). The procedure code will continue to be H0040 with 1 day being 1 unit of service.

The rate of reimbursement for alternative ACT programs that choose to use the combination of psychiatrist and APRN coverage will be \$40.55 (both non-managed and managed care). The procedure code is H0040 with the modifier 52. One unit of service is 1 day.

Note: Programs using the psychiatrist/APRN combination must e-mail a list of their clients on 11/22/2008 to [djreding@magellanhealth.com](mailto:djreding@magellanhealth.com) so the prior authorizations can be updated to the correct procedure code.

If you have questions about the policy, call or e-mail Margaret Van Dyke at (402) 471-1608, [margaret.vandyke@nebraska.gov](mailto:margaret.vandyke@nebraska.gov). For procedure code or rate questions, call or e-mail Bonnie Brown at (402) 471-1611, [bonnie.brown@nebraska.gov](mailto:bonnie.brown@nebraska.gov) or Roxie Cillessen at (402) 471-9224, [roxie.cillessen@nebraska.gov](mailto:roxie.cillessen@nebraska.gov).