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TO: Medicaid Behavioral Health Providers

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RE: Community Support Changes

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

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has informed Nebraska Medicaid that the Community Support monthly rate must be unbundled to qualify for continued Federal funding. This change will impact both the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO) and the Adult Substance Abuse (ASA) Community Support services. To meet the unbundling requirement, the authorization and billing processes for Community Support will change effective with date of service (DOS) July 1, 2011.

On July 1, 2011, Medicaid clients who have medical necessity for Community Support will be prior authorized by Magellan Health Services for 144 fifteen minute units for 180 days. Magellan will transition the existing authorizations for Community Support from "one-month-units" to "fifteen-minute-units", based on the number of months remaining on the existing authorization (e.g. 1 remaining month becomes 24 fifteen minute units, 2 remaining months becomes 48 fifteen minute units, etc.).

The current procedure codes of H2016-HF and H2016-HE will not pay for any dates of service after July 1, 2011.

Providers must use procedure code H2015-HF (Substance Abuse) and H2015-HE (Mental Health) starting with dates of service July 1, 2011. All Community Support authorizations and claims for dates of service July 1, 2011 and after must use either H2015-HF (Substance Abuse) or H2015-HE (Mental Health).

The Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO) Community Support revised policy and revised fee schedule may be accessed at <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t471.htm>. The policy is 471 NAC 35-004.01 and the fee schedule is Appendix 471-000-532.

The Medicaid Adult Substance Abuse (ASA) Community Support policy and revised fee schedule may be accessed at <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t471.htm>. The policy is 471 NAC 35-017 and the fee schedule is Appendix 471-000-532.

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