

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Pursuant to
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*
Date: July 31, 2025
Re: Update to APRN Provider Enrollment and Behavioral Health Services

This health plan advisory is being issued to **rescind Health Plan Advisory 24-17** and to notify the Heritage Health managed care plans of clarification on enrollment expectations for providers who provide behavioral health services to managed care members, **effective January 1, 2025**.

To provide Nebraska Medicaid covered behavioral health services, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) must be enrolled with a provider group of either a hospital, a clinic (hospital-based clinic, licensed mental health center), or a professional clinic. The provider group must additionally be enrolled under the specialty type of psychiatric/mental health/substance abuse.

APRNs must be enrolled under a mental health specialty for the provider to provide Nebraska Medicaid covered behavioral health services.

Exceptions:

A. APRNs must meet the above criteria when providing services using the codes as listed in the table below **only** if the member receiving services has a mental health or substance use diagnosis.

96130	96136
96131	96137
96132	96138
96133	96139

B. APRNs providing services using the codes as listed in the table below are **not** required to enroll under a mental health specialty. APRNs are expected to operate within their scope of practice when providing mental health or substance use services using these codes.

96372	99205	99222	99242	99255	99310	99349
98966	99211	99223	99243	99304	99341	99350
98967	99212	99231	99244	99305	99342	96372
98968	99213	99232	99245	99306	99344	
99202	99214	99233	99252	99307	99345	
99203	99215	99238	99253	99308	99347	
99204	99221	99239	99254	99309	99348	

If they haven't already, providers can update their enrollment by contacting Maximus. Providers must then contact the managed care organizations they have an agreement with to ensure they are credentialed and contracted to provide behavioral health services.

To provide psychiatric/mental health/substance abuse services, providers are responsible for following Nebraska Medicaid Regulations including the service-specific chapters Title 471 NAC 20, 32, and 35.

Resources

Contact Maximus by phone at 1-844-374-5022 or via email at nebraskamedicaidPSE@maximus.com

Regulations can be found at: <https://rules.nebraska.gov/rules?agencyId=37&titleId=226>

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder service definitions, which include service expectations and staffing requirements can be found at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Behavioral-HealthDefinitions.aspx>

The Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, can be found at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please email: DHHS.HeritageHealth@nebraska.gov

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