

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

**To:** Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans  
**From:** Matthew Ahern, Interim Director *MLA*  
**Date:** January 5, 2024  
**Re:** Clarification of Therapeutic Group Homes (ThGH) code H2020

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This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans of the Division's interpretation of [Medicaid State Plan 3.1-A Item 4b](#). Specifically, information for Therapeutic Group Homes (ThGH), applicable to both Categorically and Medically Needy, located on pages 20-24.

Therapeutic group home services are billed unbundled. There is a per diem code, ThGH H2020, that is billed separately from specific therapy codes for individual, family, or group psychotherapy. Therapy sessions are to be billed, in addition to the per diem, on an individual services basis. Heritage Health plans must ensure providers are completing the applicable number of therapy sessions, as described in the state plan, in order for a provider to bill the H2020 code.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact [DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@nebraska.gov). Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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