

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

To: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*
Date: July 31, 2025
Re: Update to APRN Provider Enrollment and Behavioral Health Services

This provider bulletin is being issued to **rescind Provider Bulletin 24-19** and to notify Nebraska Medicaid providers of the enrollment expectations when providing behavioral health services to fee-for-service and 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

Provider Resources

Providers can 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 and Substance Use fee schedule, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, 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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