

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**To:** All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program  
**From:** Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*  
**Date:** December 1, 2025  
**Re:** Changes to Coverage for Therapeutic and Medical Leave Days

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This provider bulletin is being issued to rescind Provider Bulletin 19-09 and notify Nebraska Medicaid providers of upcoming changes to coverage for therapeutic and medical leave days for secure psychiatric residential rehabilitation (SPRR), assertive community treatment (ACT), and therapeutic group home (THGH), effective **January 1, 2026**.

Reimbursement for leave days is no longer included in the updated mental health or substance use regulations (Nebraska Administrative Code Title 471, Chapters 20, 32, and 35). In alignment with these changes, starting January 1, 2026, Nebraska Medicaid will no longer reimburse therapeutic or medical leave days for SPRR, ACT, or THGH programs.

### For more information:

More information about mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services and the Nebraska Medicaid coverage of SPRR, ACT, and THGH services is available at:

Nebraska Administrative Code Title 471, Chapters 20, 32, and 35:

<https://rules.nebraska.gov/rules?agencyId=37&titleId=226>

Nebraska Medicaid State Plan:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/Medicaid%20State%20Plan%20Part%202.pdf>

Nebraska Medicaid Service Definitions:

- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Service%20Definitions/Secure%20Psychiatric%20Residential.pdf>
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Service%20Definitions/Assertive%20Community%20Treatment.pdf>
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Service%20Definitions/Therapeutic%20Group%20Home.pdf>

Reimbursement rates: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

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