



## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Behavioral Health Providers

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RE: Billing Process for Therapeutic and Medical Leave Days for Secure Psychiatric Residential Rehabilitation (SPRR), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), and Therapeutic Group Home (THGH) services.

This provider bulletin is being issued to notify SPRR, ACT, and THGH providers of the requirements and process for submitting claims for therapeutic or medical leave days.

To receive payment from Medicaid for therapeutic leave days, SPRR and THGH providers can only discharge patients to the designated discharge location. To receive payment from Medicaid for medical leave days, SPRR, ACT, and THGH providers must discharge patients for inpatient hospitalization. To receive payment, a provider is required to document the need for leave and the results of the leave in the clinical notes.

Current Procedural Terminology codes may not be billed on the same day as a therapeutic or medical leave day code for the same individual, and the individual's bed must remain open during their leave time in order for reimbursement to be available.

Providers seeking payment for therapeutic or medical leave days occurring on or after October 1, 2018 must submit fee-for-service claims. Electronic claims for therapeutic or medical leave days must be transmitted in a special batch that does not include any other type of claim. Prior to submission, the provider must email the EDI Help Desk at [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov) and provide the file name, date, and time of the file submission.

**Providers may contact the EDI help desk at:**

Medicaid EDI Help Desk

866-498-4357 (toll free) or 402-471-9461 (in Lincoln)

Email: [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov)

**Paper claims may be submitted to Medicaid via mail or fax to:**

Nebraska Medicaid  
 Attention: Gloria Overstreet, Personal & Confidential  
 PO Box 95026,  
 Lincoln, NE. 68509-5026  
 Fax number: 402-742-1197

The following codes and modifiers apply to billing for medical and therapeutic leave days:

Service being billed	Code	Modifiers
Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT) – Medical leave day inpatient psych	H0040	UB
Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT) – Medical Leave day inpatient Med/Surg	H0040	UC
(Alternative) Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT) – Medical leave day inpatient psych	H0040	52/UB
(Alternative) Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT) – Medical Leave day inpatient Med/Surg	H0040	52/UC
Therapeutic Group Home (ThGH): Therapeutic Leave Day	H2020	UA
Therapeutic Group Home (ThGH) -Medical Leave Day- inpatient psych	H2020	UB
Therapeutic Group Home (ThGH) - Medical Leave Day- Med/Surg	H2020	UC
Secure Residential Rehabilitation Services -Therapeutic Leave day	H2018	HK/UA
Secure Residential Rehabilitation Services - Medical Leave Day- inpatient psych	H2018	HK/UB
Secure Residential Rehabilitation Services - Medical Leave Day- Med/Surg	H2018	HK/UC

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