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>>> Medicaid Behavioral Health Updates -- Effective Jan. 1, 2021

The following Medicaid Behavioral Health Updates were shared via MITS BITS today, and are being amplified via OhioMHAS eNews.

Evaluation and Management Coding Changes Effective Jan, 1, 2021

New Prolonged Services Codes

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is adopting two new billing codes for prolonged services.

- **CPT® code 99417** is adopted in accordance with American Medical Association (AMA)
- **HCPCS code G2212** is adopted in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). HCPCS code G2212 should be reported on Medicaid claims for individuals dually-eligible for Medicare. Providers serving individuals with primary insurance coverage other than Medicaid are advised to follow billing guidance for the primary payer when determining which prolonged services code to use before submitting to Medicaid for secondary payment. The [BH Provider Manual](#) has been updated to reflect the new codes 99417 and G2212. Additionally, 5160-27-03 has been amended to add the new billing code 99417 for prolonged services and G2212 will be added in future rule revision of this rule.

Deletion of Evaluation and Management Code 99201

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, CPT® code 99201 is being deleted. For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2021, providers should report appropriate evaluation and management codes in accordance with CPT guidelines. ODM is continuing to review the new Evaluation and Management coding and CPT® guidelines for 2021 and may provide additional guidance as appropriate.

BH Telehealth Rules Final Filed

The following Ohio Administrative Code rules have been revised to continue provisions related to telehealth during the pandemic that were previously enacted through an emergency rule filing. The five rules are **effective Jan. 1, 2021**.

- **5160-8-05** "Behavioral health services-other licensed professionals." The revised rule maintains patient contact requirements for professionals responsible for services rendered by supervised trainees; however, the in-person and face-to-face provisions are removed.
- **5160-27-04** "Mental health assertive community treatment service." The revised rule maintains requirements for provider participation in fidelity reviews; however, on-site and minimum score provisions for fidelity reviews are removed. Face-to-face requirements and billing restrictions for ACT services rendered via telephone or video conference are also removed.
- **5160-27-05** "Mental health intensive home-based treatment service." The revised rule maintains requirements for provider participation in fidelity reviews; however, on-site and minimum score provisions for fidelity reviews are removed. In-person requirements and billing restrictions for IHBT services rendered via telephone or video conference are also removed.
- **5160-27-08** "Mental health therapeutic behavioral services and psychosocial rehabilitation." The requirements for TBS and PSR to be delivered as face-to-face interventions is removed.

- **5160-27-12** “Behavioral health crisis intervention provided by unlicensed practitioners.” The requirement for a behavioral health crisis intervention to be face-to-face is removed. Additionally, the requirement that a practitioner may only provide the service if they have previously met and provided the service to the recipient is removed.

>>> **Financial Literacy and Access: A Focus on Ohio’s Hispanic/Latino Community**

The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs has issued a new report titled, [Financial Literacy and Access: A Focus on Ohio’s Hispanic/Latino Community](#). The report explores common barriers to financial access and examines realities that are unique obstacles to members of Ohio’s Hispanic/Latino Ohioan community as it pertains to their personal finances and those of their small businesses. The report highlights resources, opportunities, and possible solutions to help individuals, families, and businesses in the realm of financial access. It also outlines recommendations and action steps to ensure that Hispanic/Latinos in Ohio are better able to prosper economically and increase their ability to contribute to strengthening Ohio’s economy. The Commission also released its [2020 Annual Report](#).

>>> **2021 Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Summit – Jan. 14**

Registration is open for the 2021 Ohio Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Summit scheduled for Jan. 14, 2021, from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. The event will be held virtually and there are many workshops to choose from. Cost is \$10 and includes continuing education credits. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> **MAT Induction in the Emergency Department Learning Community**

The MetroHealth Office of Opioid Safety has announced dates for its 12-week Medication-Assisted Treatment Induction in the Emergency Department Learning Community. The free learning community will entail a 12-week curriculum, each two-hours, to include structured educational sessions; ongoing technical assistance (TA) delivered through board-certified emergency and addiction medicine experts, and licensed support staff available to all hospital systems throughout Ohio. Click [HERE](#) for more information, including training dates and registration.

>>> **Tristate Trauma Network Announces TF-CBT Training**

The Tristate Trauma Network is hosting a Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) training with consultation follow-up to provide clinicians with the required components for TF-CBT certification. TF-CBT is an evidence-based treatment for children and adolescents (ages 3-18) who are experiencing negative impacts following any type of traumatic event. The virtual TF-CBT training will occur over four half-days in February. Dates are: 2/18, 2/19, 2/25 and 2/26. Time is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day with a one-hour lunch break. Participants must be able to attend all four dates. This training package will also include the required 12 consultation calls piece to allow participants to apply for TF-CBT certification. Cost is \$420 and includes 16 CEUs. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



For information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov, for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov, and for Vaccine questions email BHCOVID19vaccine@mha.ohio.gov. Ohio Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHSA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

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