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Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update

Based on Act 4 (House Bill 1) of the 2024 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, Medicaid is **temporarily increasing** the reimbursement rates for substance use disorder (SUD) providers for **dates of service between October 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025** in an amount not to exceed \$31.2 million in State Fiscal Year 2025. This includes a **25-percent** temporary increase for residential and outpatient SUD services on the Specialized Behavioral Health (SBH) fee schedule. **Please note, the applicable rates will be provided on a separate schedule from the existing Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) tab.**

Each managed care entity (MCE) must update their claims processing systems to properly adjudicate residential and outpatient SUD services, **within 30 days of the date of this Informational Bulletin**. The updated SBH fee schedule is available at [Medicaid Provider Resources](#).

MCEs shall recycle any claims that were not paid according to these changes for any claims with dates of service between October 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, **within 15 days of implementing the system changes**. MCEs shall also notify providers of their process and timeline for implementing the changes as well as their plan to recycle impacted claims.

Questions regarding managed care claims processing, billing guidance and prior authorization should be directed to the appropriate MCE.

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