

Mental Health Substance Use Screening

1. Is this a “Rate Change” or a “Method Change”?

Rate Change

1b. Is this change an increase, decrease, or no impact?

This change represents a decrease in the aggregate reimbursement being made to independently contracted Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners (LBHPs).

2. Presentation of issue – Why is change being made?

Rules were revised during 2015 permanent rulemaking to add coverage of Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD) screens provided in outpatient behavioral health agencies. ODMHSAS proposes to reimburse for screens provided by qualified providers using approved evidence based tools at a rate of \$25.32 per event.

3. Current methodology and/or rate structure.

Currently, there is no rate for MH/SUD screens under Title XIX. There is an existing rate of \$25.32 per event for services provided by ODMHSAS contractors and reimbursed using 100% ODMHSAS funds.

4. New methodology or rate.

The new proposed rate is \$25.32 per event.

5. Budget estimate.

By adding coverage of MH/SUD screens through Title XIX, ODMHSAS anticipates that this change will be budget neutral to ODMHSAS.

6. Agency estimated impact on access to care.

The Agency has determined that this change will have a positive impact on access to care.

7. Rate or Method change in the form of a motion.

The Agency requests the SPARC to approve the proposed reimbursement rate of \$25.32 per event for Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Screens provided in an outpatient behavioral health agency setting.

8. Effective date of change.

September 1, 2015.