

SPARC
Independent Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners

1. Is this a "Rate Change" or a "Method Change"?
Method 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?
The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) proposes to revise the payment methodology for independent Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners (LBHPs) in order to equalize payment for their services with the payments made for services provided by the same level of provider in an outpatient behavioral health agency setting. This change is being proposed due to the agency budget shortfall of SFY2016. This change does not affect the methodology for Physicians, Psychiatrists or Psychologists.
3. Current methodology and/or rate structure.
The current reimbursement methodology for independently contracted licensed behavioral health professionals (LBHPs) is 72.56% of the CY 2013 Medicare Non-Facility Physician Fee Schedule for psychiatry services.
4. New methodology or rate.
The proposed methodology is to establish independent LBHP reimbursement rates for Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes which in the aggregate equates to 62% of the 2013 non-facility practitioner Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) rates.
5. Budget estimate.
The budget impact of the methodology change is an estimated savings of \$1,862,393 Total/\$726,333 State.
6. Agency estimated impact on access to care.
The Agency has determined that this change will have no adverse 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 methodology to establish independent LBHP reimbursement rates for Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes which in the aggregate equates to 62% of the 2013 non-facility practitioner Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) rates.
8. Effective date of change.
September 1, 2015.