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TO: Non-JCAHO Accredited Residential Child Care Facilities, Children's Group Homes and Psychiatric Community Residences for Youth – **for action**
Care Management Organizations – **for information only**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **for information only**

SUBJECT: **Authorized Hospital and Therapeutic Leave for Non-JCAHO Accredited Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation Providers**

EFFECTIVE: For claims with dates of service on or after **May 1, 2002**

PURPOSE: To inform providers of the timeframes associated with reimbursement for the reservation of beds during a therapeutic or hospital leave

BACKGROUND: CSOCI Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 3, dated April 2001, provided the procedure codes for the reimbursement of mental health rehabilitation services provided in non-JCAHO facilities. This newsletter included information for requesting reimbursement for days that the child is not physically present in the facility for the 24-hour period starting and ending at midnight, due to an authorized hospital or therapeutic leave. However, the newsletter did not address the specific timeframes for these absences. This newsletter is being sent to inform providers of the specific timeframes associated with the reimbursement for a therapeutic or hospital leave.

ACTION: Effective for claims with dates of service on or after May 1, 2002, payment can be made for up to 14 continuous days, per episode, to non-JCAHO accredited residential child care facilities, children's group homes, and psychiatric community residences for youth for residents who are temporarily absent from the facility for a hospital leave or therapeutic leave.

Hospital leave is defined as a temporary absence (more than 24 hours) from the facility due to inpatient treatment in a hospital. Temporary admission to a hospital for psychiatric treatment is also considered hospital leave.

Therapeutic leave is defined as those instances where the resident is absent from the facility for a limited time (more than 24 hours) for reasons determined to be therapeutic by the facility staff. Reasons for such absences from the facility include, but are not limited to, visits with parents, foster parents, or other caregivers; attendance at a residential camp, or residence in a temporary shelter.

On the dates that the child is listed as being under the care of the facility, but is not physically present in the facility due to an authorized hospital or therapeutic leave, the applicable procedure codes listed below must be used when seeking reimbursement. Providers should use these HCPCS procedure codes only if the child is not in the facility for the entire 24-hour period starting at midnight. If the child is present in the facility for any part of the day, the regular HCPCS procedure codes should be used. Providers are reminded that there are two procedure codes that need to be used per child for each day, one for the mental health services and one for the room and board. (see CSOCI Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 3, dated April 2001)

Facilities Under Contract with the Division of Mental Health Services

Y9992	Therapeutic Leave for Rehabilitation Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DMHS	Contract Pricing
Y9993	Therapeutic Leave for Room and Board Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DMHS	Contract Pricing
Y9994	Hospital Leave for Rehabilitation Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DMHS	Contract Pricing
Y9995	Hospital Leave for Room and Board Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DMHS	Contract Pricing

Facilities Under Contract With the Division of Youth and Family Services

Y9996	Therapeutic Leave for Rehabilitation Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DYFS	Contract Pricing
Y9997	Therapeutic Leave for Room and Board Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DYFS	Contract Pricing

Y9998	Hospital Leave for Rehabilitation Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DYFS	Contract Pricing
Y9999	Hospital Leave for Room and Board Services provided in non - JCAHO accredited facilities under contract with DYFS	Contract Pricing

Providers can bill for consecutive dates of service on the same line, but should not include dates from more than one month on the same line. Dates of services should not span dates that are being billed as therapeutic leave or hospital leave days; these dates must be indicated on separate lines. Each date or span of dates should have two separate HCPCS procedure codes on two separate lines: one for therapeutic services and one for room and board.

For example:

- 01/01/01 – 01/15/01 15 days of service (child on therapeutic leave after midnight on 1/15/01)
- 01/16/01 – 01/18/01 3 days of therapeutic leave (child was absent from midnight of 1/16/01 through midnight of 1/18/01)
- 01/19/01 – 01/31/01 12 days of service (child returned to the facility sometime after midnight on 1/19/01)
- 02/01/01 – 02/05/01 5 days of service in the next month

If you have any questions related to billing for services, please contact Unisys Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

If you have any questions regarding the Children’s System of Care Initiative, please visit our website at <http://www.njkidsoc.org>.

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