



PROVIDER ALERT

CORRECTION **MENTAL HEALTH** **HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS** **FROM JULY 11, 2019**

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This provider alert serves to clarify Maryland Medicaid's policy for reimbursement of the History and Physical examination rendered by a Non-psychiatric Physician or Nurse Practitioner for admission for Inpatient Services and or Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP).

Inpatient Admissions

Non-psychiatric physicians or nurse practitioners will be reimbursed by the Maryland Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS) for one history and physical per admission, and authorization is not required. Claims should be submitted to Beacon using **CPT codes 99251-99255**.

Partial Hospitalization Programs

Non-psychiatric physicians or nurse practitioners will be reimbursed by the Maryland Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS) for one history and physical per admission, and authorization is not required. **This applies to Mental Health Services only.** Claims should be submitted to Beacon using **CPT codes 99241-99245**.

The Managed Care Organization (MCO) is responsible for all other non-psychiatric physician or nurse practitioner consultations which are not related to the psychiatric diagnosis. Authorization by the MCO may be required. The participant's primary care physician or the MCO Special Needs Coordinator should be contacted.

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