CBH’s HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program
Policy and Procedure for Provider Rate Setting

AT A GLANCE

There are two different kinds of rates, depending on the type of service offered:

1. STANDARD RATES
2. NON-STANDARD RATES

STANDARD RATES

This includes the following Levels of Care:
- Outpatient Psychiatric
- Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient D&A
- Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) for Children

And the following is taken into consideration:
- Timing of last increase
- Funding availability
- Market conditions
- Laboratory Services

To note: New and out-of-network providers receive the current Standard Rate. Providers with significant out-of-network activity who refuse to join the network have the Standard Rate reduced by 20%.

NON-STANDARD RATES

This includes the following Levels of Care:
- Inpatient Psychiatric
- Inpatient D&A Services
- Non-Hospital D&A
- All residential programs with per diem rates (including RTF)
- Intensive Case Management (ICM)
- Resource Coordination (RC)

And the following is taken into consideration*:
- Timing of last increase
- Funding availability
- Current PA MA Rates
- Budget and/or actual financial data
- Quality of Care Clinical Assessment
- Defined Performance Measures

*Requirements vary depending on level of care

To note: New provider rates are negotiated based on budgeted financial data submitted by the Provider.

PROVIDER REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE

Requests for rate increases should only be submitted in extenuating circumstances. Requests may only be submitted quarterly; January, April, July and October. All requests must be submitted by the last business day of the identified month.

The provider must submit a letter justifying the rate increase. Additional information must be submitted which may include: Audited Statements, Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cashflow Statements, the most recent 990, and anticipated clinical outcomes.

Once all corresponding information is received, it will be reviewed accordingly by CBH’s Clinical Review Committee, FOCUS Committee, and the DBHIDS Finance Committee.

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