Intensive Behavioral Health Services: Increase in Behavioral Health Technician Daily Maximum Units

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) is issuing this Notice to inform providers of a change in the maximum daily units billable for Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) services in Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS). The daily maximum billable units for BHT services has been increased from 32 to 64 15-minute units.

This applies to three BHT Levels of Care:

- 425-17 BHT
- 425-18 BHT Specialized
- 425-31 BHT ABA

A claims edit has also been added to allow claims with different Place of Service (POS) codes to pay for the same member on the same date. Allowable POS for BHT services include: 02 (Telehealth), 03 (School), 11 (Office), 12 (Home), and 99 (Other). Claims for any other POS will be rejected for incorrect POS.

This increase is retroactive to September 1, 2020. Previously submitted claims that were rejected for exceeding daily maximum units for the BHT Levels of Care listed above will be reprocessed by CBH so the claims will pay up to the newly established maximum units per day.

Providers with questions regarding submission of claims should contact Nil Gok, Claims Manager, at Nil.Gok@phila.gov. Providers with questions regarding BHT authorizations should contact their assigned Clinical Care Manager.