Health Services

This service must be provided consistent with requirements outlined in the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual as updated. The manual is available at:

1. Description of Service
   a. Health Services are provided for purposes of improving the Individual’s overall health and ability to care for health-related needs. This includes nursing services (on a per-visit basis, not on-going hourly care), dietary/nutritional services, maintenance of health and hygiene, teaching self-administration of medication, care of minor injuries or first aid, recognizing early symptoms of illness and teaching the beneficiary to seek assistance in case of emergencies. Health assessments are covered under Assessments subsection of the Medicaid Provider Manual. A registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, or dietician must provide these services, according to their scope of practice. Health services must be carefully coordinated with the beneficiary’s health care plan so that the PIHP does not provide services that are the responsibility of the MHP.

2. Practice Principles
   a. Providers are encouraged to offer evidence-based and promising practices as part of the Medicaid covered specialty services where applicable. Providers shall assure that these practices are provided by staff who have been appropriately trained in the model(s) and are provided to the population for which the model was intended.
   b. Provider will comply with the principles of person-centered planning as outlined in the MDHHS BHDDA Person-Centered Planning Policy.
   c. MDHHS encourages the use of natural supports to assist in meeting an Individual's needs to the extent that the family or friends who provide the natural supports are willing and able to provide this assistance. The use of natural supports must be documented in the Individual's individual plan of service (IPOS).

3. Credentialing Requirements
   a. Provider will assure that licensed professional staff are licensed and/or registered in the State of Michigan to provide services at the level authorized by the Payor. Licensed professionals shall act within the scope of practice defined by their license.
   b. Provider shall assure that all staff providing services are qualified and trained to provide services at the level authorized by the Payor.
   c. Provider shall ensure that all vehicles used for transporting the Individual(s) under this agreement are in safe operating condition and contain first aid equipment.
   d. Provider shall permit only responsible staff with an appropriate valid driver's license and insurance, as required by State law, to operate motor vehicles while transporting Individual(s) as evidenced by annual driving record and insurance checks.
   e. Provider shall maintain a copy of training records for each staff person for review if requested by the Payor, the LRE, or an external review team.
   f. Providers of services must:
      i. Be at least 18 years of age.
      ii. Be able to prevent transmission of any communicable disease from self to others in the environment where they are providing supports.
      iii. Be able to communicate expressively and receptively in order to follow individual plan requirements and Individual-specific emergency procedures, and report on activities performed. Understanding and skill must be documented.
      iv. Be in good standing with the law as outlined in the MDHHS/PIHP contract.
      v. Be able to perform basic first aid and emergency procedures.
4. Service Requirements
   a. Health assessments are covered under Attachment A: Assessments and the Assessments subsection of the Medicaid provider Manual.
   b. Provider’s supports and services will be based upon the individual’s IPOS, and in coordination with any additional plans of the Individual (e.g. nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavior support plans). Said documents are to be present (hard copy or electronically) at the service site, and accessible to Provider’s staff responsible for delivering the supports and services.
   c. Provider shall notify the Individual’s care manager when the Individual’s (IPOS) requires revision or modification.
   d. Provider shall provide services in the least restrictive and most integrated settings, unless the less restrictive levels of treatment, service or support have been unsuccessful or cannot be safely provided for that Individual.
   e. Provider shall ensure coordination of care occurs between the Individual’s primary health care physician and Medicaid Health Plan (as appropriate). Coordination of care shall include the full array of primary and acute physical health services, behavioral health care, natural or community supports to provide effective treatment, and as specified in an Individual’s IPOS.
   f. Provider shall ensure language interpretation, translation services, and hearing interpreter services are provided as needed, and at no cost to the Individual. Provider shall be responsive to the particular needs of Individuals with sensory or mobility impairments, and provide necessary accommodations.
   g. Provider shall complete service documentation and records that meet the PIHP/CMHSP’s requirements for reimbursement. Provider’s services and documentation/records shall comply with the standards of the PIHP, CMHSP, accreditation bodies, MDHHS, any applicable licensing Department or Agency of the State of Michigan, Medicaid and Medicare regulations and/or any third-party payers.
   h. The Individual’s record must contain sufficient information to document the provision of services, including the nature of the service, the date, and the location of contacts, including whether the contacts were face-to-face. The frequency and scope of contacts must take into consideration the health and safety needs of the Individual.

4. Training Requirements
   a. See Attachment I: Training Requirements for specific training requirements and frequency of trainings.
   b. Provider will ensure and document that each staff is trained on the Individual’s IPOS and ancillary plans, prior to delivery of service.

5. Eligibility Criteria/Access Requirements/Authorization Procedures
   a. Individuals presenting for mental health services will be engaged in a person-centered planning process through which diagnostic information and service eligibility will be determined. Eligibility tools may be used in conjunction with the person-centered planning process to determine and document medical/clinical necessity for the requested service.
   b. Waiver eligibility requires verification of no change in waiver status.
   c. The Lakeshore Region Guide to Services provides a summary of service eligibility, access to services, and service authorization. This document is located on the Lakeshore Regional Entity website at www.lsre.org. Additional information related to policies, procedures and Provider Manuals may be found by accessing the specific CMHSP websites.