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SUBJECT:

Allocations Certification Critical Information Licensure
 MACSIS Medicaid MSPA Policy
 Procedure Other (specify):

TITLE OF CORRESPONDENCE: Ohio Revised Code 5111.023 Related to Medicaid Coverage of Partial Hospitalization

CONTENT:

This correspondence is a follow up to the Ohio Department of Mental Health memo dated October 17, 2006, regarding changes to the partial hospitalization certification standard and Medicaid reimbursement for such services. As you know, ODJFS rules were effective on September 1, 2005 which specified that Medicaid reimbursement is based on a program day unit and that fractions of a unit are not allowed. In order to minimize the impact of this decision, ODMH, the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA) and the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health Providers (Ohio Council) worked to revise the ODMH partial hospitalization certification standard (OAC 5122-29-06) to allow providers more flexibility in defining their program day.

The revised certification standard changed the definition of a program day from 3 to 14 hours to 2 to 7 hours and specified that the minimum program length of service needs to be in accordance with the appropriate behavioral health standards of the agency's national accrediting body(ies). Additionally, ODMH stated in the memo that the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5111.023 contained language that continued to require a 3 to 14 hour service day. This meant that for Medicaid purposes the service must continue to be 3 to 14 hours in duration.

Since that time, ODMH and ODJFS have worked together to remove the length of the program day in ORC Section 5111.023 effective July 1, 2007. This has the effect of once again aligning the program day requirements in the certification standard with the Medicaid reimbursement requirements.

It is important to note however that each provider must continue to take into consideration the various requirements of certification, Medicaid and accrediting bodies when determining the specific length and structure of its partial hospitalization program day.

REQUIRED ACTION: None

DATES FOR REQUIRED ACTION: None

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