

Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update

United Healthcare Community Plan (UHC) is sharing <u>Informational Bulletin 24-32: Substance Use Disorder Provider Reimbursement Update</u> on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).

Based on Act 4 (House Bill 1) of the 2024 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, Medicaid is temporarily increasing reimbursement rates for substance use disorder (SUD) providers. This includes a 25% boost for residential and outpatient SUD services on the Specialized Behavioral Health (SBH) fee schedule for dates of service between October 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Additionally, for services provided between December 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, these services will receive a temporary 50% increase when rendered to pregnant and post-partum women, as part of the Louisiana Department of Health's maternal health initiative.

Providers must append modifier "TH" to eligible claims for pregnant and post-partum women, according to the SBH fee schedule, to qualify for the 50% increase. Please note that rates have been provided on a separate fee schedule from the existing HCPCs tab.

UHC has updated their claims processing systems to properly adjudicate residential and outpatient SUD services at the temporarily increased rates of 25%. For SUD services provided to pregnant and post-partum women at the temporarily increased rates of 50%, systems must be updated within 60 days of this Informational Bulletin.

LDH has published Informational Bulletin 24-32 for your reference <u>IB24</u> 32_revised_10.29.24.pdf (la.gov).

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