

Network Notification – Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky

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To: Kentucky Medicaid healthcare providers
From: Humana Healthy Horizons™ in Kentucky
Subject: Reminder of department IMD requirements and Humana reimbursement policy
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Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky covers short-term stays in an institution for mental disease (IMD), including an inpatient stay in an IMD for psychiatric or substance-use disorder, for enrollees ages 21 to 64 permitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky does not require an enrollee to receive services in an IMD.

The Social Security Act at 42 CFR 435.1010 defines an IMD as an institution with more than 16 beds that primarily engages in the diagnosis, treatment or care of persons with mental diseases. In 2016, the Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Final Rule 42 CFR 438.6(e) permits states to pay managed care organizations (MCOs) for individuals ages 21 to 64 who are a patient in an IMD. The coverage is available only for short-term stays in an IMD. A short-term stay is no more than 15 days. In addition, the services provided would have to meet 42 C.F.R. Part 438.3(e)(2) as “in lieu of services” that are medically appropriate, cost-effective substitutes for the services that are otherwise be available. In 2018, Kentucky MCOs were authorized by the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), at their option, to authorize coverage for short-term stays.

These services are subject to prior authorization. The following are exceptions to this requirement:

- Emergent services
- Kentucky DMS COVID-19 prior authorization requirement exclusions

Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky reimburses for IMD services as follows:

- No more than 15 days in a given month for inpatient psychiatric treatment
- 30 days per admission for IMD for Residential Treatment for Substance Abuse as permitted by the currently approved 1115 SUD Waiver. In order to be eligible for this reimbursement providers must have attested to providing treatment according to the ASAM Levels of Care Criteria (<https://chfs.ky.gov/News/Documents/nrsud.pdf>).

IMD facilities located outside Kentucky

Facilities located outside Kentucky are not eligible for Kentucky DMS and Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky claims reimbursement. Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky cannot reimburse IMD facilities located outside of Kentucky, as Kentucky DMS does not enroll out-of-state adult psychiatric hospitals. These facilities would follow their state’s guidelines for billing for these services.

Humana reserves the right to initiate overpayment recovery of claims identified as overpaid pursuant to the Kentucky DMS reimbursement guidelines and the Medicaid Managed Care Contract.

For questions, please contact your provider relations representative or Provider Services at **800-444-9137**. Hours of operations are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time.