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TO: Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinicians Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Lee Robinson, Associate Chief for Behavioral Health

RE: **Code Revisions to Subchapter 6 of the *Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Manual* (formerly the *Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker Manual*)**

Summary

This letter transmits revisions to service codes in Subchapter 6 of the *Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Manual* (formerly the *Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker Manual*). The rate regulation for licensed behavioral health clinician services is 101 CMR 329: *Rates for Psychological and Independent Clinical Social Work Services* (to be renamed *Rates for Psychological and Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Services*), effective April 25, 2025.

A letter transmitting revisions to 130 CMR 462: *Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Services* (formerly *Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker Services*), effective April 1, 2025, is available at mass.gov/masshealth-transmittal-letters.

Effective for service dates beginning April 25, 2025, the following codes and modifiers have been deleted, modified, or added to the list of codes and modifiers in Subchapter 6 of the *Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Manual* (formerly the *Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker Manual*).

Added

90846
90849

Modified

90853

Rates

Rates for licensed independent clinical social workers and other licensed independent behavioral health clinicians (licensed mental health counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists) participating in MassHealth are set by regulations by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and available at mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations.

The rate regulation for these codes is 101 CMR 329: *Rates for Psychological and Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker Services* (to be renamed *Rates for Psychological and Licensed Independent Behavioral Health Clinician Services*), effective April 25, 2025.

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New Material

The pages listed here contain new or revised language.

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Pages iv, 6-1, and 6-2

Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

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Pages iv and 6-1 through 6-2—transmitted by Transmittal Letter LICSW-1

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601 Service Codes and Descriptions

MassHealth pays for the services represented by the codes in Subchapter 6 in effect at the time of service, subject to all conditions and limitations in MassHealth regulations 130 CMR 462.000 and 130 CMR 450.000.

Service
Code

Service Description

Psychiatric Evaluation

90791-HO Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation. (Diagnostic services.)
 90791-HA-HO Psychiatric evaluation performed with a Children and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment.

Individual Therapy

90832 Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient. (Individual therapy.)
 90834 Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient. (Individual therapy.)
 90837 Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient. (Individual therapy.)

Couple/Family Therapy

90846 Family psychotherapy (without the patient present), 50 minutes.
 90847 Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present), 50 minutes.
 90849 Multiple-family group psychotherapy.

Group Therapy

90853 Group psychotherapy (other than multiple-family group). (Group therapy. Limited to 10 clients per group. Billed per client. 90 minutes.)

Case Consultation

90882 Environmental intervention for medical management purposes on a psychiatric patient's behalf with agencies, employers, or institutions.

Family Consultation

90887 Interpretation or explanation of results of psychiatric or other medical examinations and procedures, or other accumulated data, to family or other responsible persons, or advising them on how to assist the patient (per one-half hour).

Modifier

Modifier Description

-HA Service Code 90791 must be accompanied by this modifier to indicate that the CANS assessment is included in the psychiatric diagnostic interview examination. This modifier may be billed only by psychiatrists or psychiatric clinical nurse specialists.

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<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Modifier Description</u>
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-HO	Master's degree level. (This modifier is to be applied to service codes billed by the mental health center that were performed by a master's level clinician, including a licensed clinical social worker, licensed independent clinical social worker, licensed alcohol and drug counselor I, licensed mental health counselor, or licensed marriage and family therapist.)
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