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TO: Mental Health Centers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Tom Dehner, Acting Medicaid Director 
RE: *Mental Health Center Manual* (Subchapter 6 Service Code Revision)

This letter transmits a revised Subchapter 6 for the *Mental Health Center Manual*. Providers should use this revised Subchapter 6 along with the American Medical Association *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 2007* code book. This letter is to inform providers of a correction to the wording of Service Code 90862 in the *Mental Health Center Manual*.

Currently, Service Code 90862 reads, "Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (each 10 minute unit)."

The revised service code will read, "Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (each 15-20 minute unit)." These changes went into effect on March 1, 2007.

If you have any questions about the information in this transmittal letter please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.

NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

Mental Health Center Manual

Pages 6-1 and 6-2

OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

Mental Health Center Manual

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601 Service Codes and Descriptions

Service

Code Service Description

Individual Therapy

- 90804 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 20 to 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424)
- 90806 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 45 to 50 minutes face-to-face with the patient (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424)
- 90816 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital, or residential care setting, approximately 20 to 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424) (one unit maximum per session)
- 90818 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital, or residential care setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes face-to-face with the patient (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424) (one unit maximum per session)

Couple/Family Therapy

- 90847 Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present) (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424) (each 30-minute unit; three units maximum per session) (includes residential care setting)
- 90849 Multiple-family group psychotherapy (with patient present) (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424) (each 30-minute unit; three units maximum per session) (includes residential care setting)

Group Therapy

- 90853 Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group) (by professional staff member as defined in 130 CMR 429.424) (for one participant for each 30-minute unit; 10 participants maximum per session; three units maximum per session) (includes residential care setting)

Case Consultation

- 90882 Environmental intervention for medical management purposes on a psychiatric patient's behalf with agencies, employers, or institutions (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (each 30-minute unit; two units maximum per session) (includes residential care setting)

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Code Service Description

Family Consultation

90887 Interpretation or explanation of results of psychiatric, other medical examinations and procedures, or other accumulated data to family or other responsible persons, or advising them how to assist patient (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (each 30-minute unit; two units maximum per session)

Diagnostic Services

90801 Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (each 30-minute unit; two units maximum per session)

Medication Visit

90862 Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (each 15-20-minute unit)

Emergency Service

H2011 Crisis intervention services, per 15 minutes (in an office, outpatient facility, or residential care setting) (eight units maximum per date of service) (includes residential-care setting)

Psychological Testing

96101 Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report

96118 Neuropsychological testing (e.g., Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales, and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report

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