

PUBLIC NOTICE

March 30, 2021

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a reimbursement change to Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Teams (ICORT) services as submitted in Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0022 Mental Health Services Coverage and Reimbursement. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, is proposing this change effective April 1, 2021, contingent upon approval from CMS.

1. Effective April 1, 2021, the Division of Medicaid is revising the service definition and reimbursement of ICORT services to reflect that the service is an assertive community treatment program with different staffing requirements than the current Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams and will be reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate for PACT.
2. There is expected to be an increase in expenditures associated with replacing IOP with ICORT. From September 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, ICORT services were reimbursed the former IOP per diem rate of \$122.54. Effective April 1, 2021, ICORT will be reimbursed at \$24.75 per fifteen (15) minute unit. This increases the total possible annual cost per beneficiary from \$33,085 to \$39,600.

If the utilization of ICORT is the same as PACT fee-for-service utilization during SFY 2019, the annual estimated cost will be \$501,930. This estimate was calculated by multiplying the average number of units billed per beneficiary for PACT (169) by the ICORT rate (\$24.75), then multiplying the total by the number of PACT beneficiaries (120).

3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this additional Public Notice of this reimbursement change to be in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 447.205.
4. A copy of the proposed reimbursement change will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov, or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov.
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.
6. A public hearing on this reimbursement change will not be held.