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TO: Licensed Behavioral Health Center (LBHC) Providers

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SUBJECT: Permanent Five (5%) Rate Increase for Behavioral Health Codes and Continued ARPA Funding Information

Starting April 1, 2022, there will be a permanent 5% increase on the codes listed below in the tables. Historically, LBHC Codes had a facility rate and a home-based rate. Moving forward there will only be one code with one rate and it will include the 5% increase. Any services billed on and after April 1, 2022, will be paid at the increased rate. The table below shows the codes and the rates that are impacted by the permanent 5% increase.

Program	Service	Service Code	Unit	Current Rate	% of Increase	Rate as of 4/1/2022
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Supportive Individual	H0004	15 min	\$16.92	5%	\$17.77
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Professional, Individual	H0004 HO	15 min	\$30.84	5%	\$32.38
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Professional, Group	H0004 HO HQ	15 min	\$6.60	5%	\$6.93
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Supportive Group	H0004 HQ	15 min	\$4.80	5%	\$5.04
LBHC	Mental Health Assessment by a Non-Physician	H0031	Event	\$144.00	5%	\$151.20
LBHC	Mental Health Service Plan Development	H0032	15 min	\$19.98	5%	\$20.98
LBHC	Mental Health Service Plan Development by Psychologist	H0032 AH	15 min	\$36.00	5%	\$37.80
LBHC	Community Psychiatric Support Services CSU	H0036	15 min	\$16.08	5%	\$16.88
LBHC	Assertive Community Treatment ACT	H0040	Per calendar day	\$73.90	5%	\$77.60
LBHC	Comprehensive Medication Services	H2010	15 min	\$18.20	5%	\$19.11

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LBHC	Crisis Intervention	H2011	15 min	\$19.90	5%	\$20.90
LBHC	Skills Training 1:2-4 by Professional	H2014HNU1	15 min	\$9.95	5%	\$10.45
LBHC	Skills Training 1:1 by Professional	H2014HNU4	15 min	\$19.90	5%	\$20.90
LBHC	Skills Training 1:2-4 by Paraprofessional	H2014U1	15 min	\$5.00	5%	\$5.25
LBHC	Skills Training 1:1 by Paraprofessional	H2014U4	15 min	\$10.00	5%	\$10.50
LBHC	Comprehensive Community Support Services CFT	H2015 U1	15 min	\$2.70	5%	\$2.84
LBHC	Comprehensive Community Support Services CFT	H2015 U2	15 min	\$3.18	5%	\$3.34
LBHC	Therapeutic Behavioral Services - Implementation	H2019	15 min	\$9.90	5%	\$10.40
LBHC	Therapeutic Behavioral Services - Development	H2019HO	15 min	\$25.70	5%	\$26.99
LBHC	Targeted Case Management	T1017	15 min	\$14.35	5%	\$15.07
LBHC	Peer Support Services	H0038	15	\$14.35	5%	\$15.07

You must bill at the increased rate to be paid at that rate so please take note that system changes may need to take place to ensure the billing of claims is done correctly to be paid at the increased rate.

Additional Information on APRA: On October 14, 2021, a letter was sent to providers concerning the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 and increased the federal matching rate for Medicaid HCBS spending by 10 percentage points from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The law specifies that states must use the enhanced funds to “implement, or supplement the implementation of, one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen” Medicaid HCBS.

Those increased rates for Licensed Behavioral Health Centers were entered in Gainwell’s system on 10/01/2021. Retroactive payments (ad pays) for these programs were and are being automatically issued by Gainwell for paid claims with dates of service between 7/1/21 and 3/31/22. **The 70% increase ends on 3/31/22 and the 5% permanent increase begins on 4/1/22.** Licensed Behavioral Health Centers are not to reverse and replace paid claims for which they have received ad pays. Managed Care Organizations (MCO’s) will adjust their systems accordingly. Agencies that were and are not currently providing the above services are not eligible to receive the retroactive rate increases.

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For the purposes of this effort to address the workforce shortage, the term “direct-care” includes all workers that provide a Medicaid reimbursable service to behavioral health members. In addition to increasing compensation and benefits for workers that provide these services listed above, a portion of the 85% of the increased rate payments may be used to increase compensation and benefits to other workers of direct care services at the agency. Agencies have until 12/31/2024 to obligate the ARPA funds received through the increased rates. Agency directors, administrators, board members, clerical workers and other staff that do not regularly provide direct-care services were not eligible for increased compensation or benefits from the 85% of the increased rate payments.

The rates for direct-care services specified in the table below were increased as indicated. Provider agencies were required to attest in writing that at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the increased rate payments will be passed on to direct-care workers in the form of compensation increases as well as other incentives which may include but are not limited to retention bonuses, hiring bonuses, raises in wages, and increased benefit packages

Program	Service	Service Code	Unit	Current Rate	Rate Increase	% of Increase	Effective Dates for Rate Increase
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Supportive Individual	H0004	15 min	\$16.92	\$28.76	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22.
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Professional, Individual	H0004 HO	15 min	\$30.84	\$52.43	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Professional, Group	H0004 HO HQ	15 min	\$6.60	\$11.22	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Supportive Group	H0004 HQ	15 min	\$4.80	\$8.16	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Mental Health Assessment by a Non-Physician	H0031	Event	\$144.00	\$244.80	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Mental Health Service Plan Development	H0032	15 min	\$19.98	\$33.97	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Mental Health Service Plan Development by Psychologist	H0032 AH	15 min	\$36.00	\$61.20	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Community Psychiatric Support Services CSU	H0036	15 min	\$16.08	\$27.34	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Assertive Community Treatment ACT	H0040	Per calendar day	\$73.90	\$125.63	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22

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LBHC	Skills Training 1:2-4 by Professional	H2014HNU1	15 min	\$9.95	\$16.92	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
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LBHC	Skills Training 1:1 by Paraprofessional	H2014U4	15 min	\$10.00	\$17.00	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Comprehensive Community Support Services CFT	H2015 U1	15 min	\$2.70	\$4.59	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Comprehensive Community Support Services CFT	H2015 U2	15 min	\$3.18	\$5.41	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Therapeutic Behavioral Services -Implementation	H2019	15 min	\$9.90	\$16.83	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Therapeutic Behavioral Services -Development	H2019HO	15 min	\$25.70	\$43.69	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
LBHC	Targeted Case Management	T1017	15 min	\$14.35	\$24.40	70%	7/1/21-3/31/22
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