



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services**

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Behavioral Health Providers

RE: Rate Reimbursement

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) seeks to implement rate reimbursements during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is pleased to announce an increase to the reimbursement rate for Mental Health Rehabilitation by twenty percent (20%) with a retroactive effective date of February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Claims submitted with a date of service during this time period will be paid or reprocessed to pay at this new rate. No action is required on the providers' part.

BMS appreciates your continued dedication and efforts in assisting West Virginia's most vulnerable populations during this national crisis. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received.