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Memorandum

Date: 2018-2019 School Year
To: Limited License SSW & Supervisors
From: Shawna Dippman, Planner/Coordinator & Supervisor
RE: Medicaid School Based Services Requirements

Hello,

Psychotherapy is the treatment of a mental disorder or behavioral disturbance for which the clinician provides services through definitive therapeutic communication, attempts to alleviate the emotional disturbances, reverses or changes maladaptive patterns of behavior, and encourages personality growth and development. The codes for reporting psychotherapy are divided into two broad categories:

Interactive Psychotherapy, and Insight-Oriented, Behavior-Modifying and/or Supportive Psychotherapy.

- Interactive psychotherapy refers to the use of physical aids and nonverbal communication to overcome barriers to therapeutic interaction between the clinician and a beneficiary who has not yet developed, or has lost, either the expressive language communication skills to explain their symptoms and response to treatment, or the receptive communication skills to understand the clinician if they would use ordinary adult language for communication.
- Insight-oriented, behavior-modifying and/or supportive psychotherapy refers to the development of insight or affective understanding, the use of behavior modification techniques, the use of supportive interactions, and the use of cognitive discussion of reality or any combination of the above to provide therapeutic change.

Psychological, counseling and social work services may be reimbursed when provided by:

A licensed master's social worker in Michigan;

- A limited licensed master's social worker under the supervision of a licensed master's social worker.

"Supervision of" limited-licensed mental health professionals consist of the practitioner meeting regularly with another professional, at an interval described within the professional administrative rules, to discuss casework and other professional issues in a structured way. This is often known as clinical or counseling

supervision or consultation. The purpose is to assist the practitioner to learn from his or her experience and expertise, as well as to ensure good service to the client or patient.

Please document these meetings in a log this year. You may use the “Therapist Under Supervision” spreadsheet or create your own log. At the end of the year, print and sign the log and turn it in to Kim Torrance or Shawna Dippman in the Special Education office.

The other requirement will be approving service capture documentation in PowerSchool Special Education (formerly TIENET). SSW supervisors will have a report on the PowerSchool Special Education homepage that is quick and easy to use. Contact Jacqui Venier with any report related questions (8625).

Thank you for your time and effort support students in our county.

Sincerely,

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