

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## **IHCP to allow reimbursement for services provided by CMHC interns**

To address the shortage of mental health professionals in Indiana, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will allow reimbursement for services provided by interns in the community mental health center (CMHC) setting, effective January 1, 2019. The provider billing for these services must be enrolled with the IHCP as a CMHC (provider specialty 111). CMHCs that are owned by or affiliated with a hospital, however, are an exception to this allowance. CMHCs associated with hospitals may not bill separately for intern services, because reimbursement for intern services is included in the hospital's medical education add-on to inpatient claims. This policy change applies to all IHCP programs, subject to the limitations of the member's benefit package for dates of service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2019.



### **Intern qualifications**

To qualify for reimbursement, the intern must be a graduate or postgraduate student currently enrolled in an accredited college or university program in one of the following fields of study:

- Medical (including Physician Assistant)
- Nursing
- Mental Health
- Behavioral Health
- Addiction Treatment

Further, the student must be approved by the college or university to work as an intern or practicum student at a CMHC.

For reimbursement, the intern must be supervised by an IHCP-enrolled practitioner that is employed by or under contract with the billing CMHC. The services rendered by the intern must be within the scope of practice of the supervising practitioner.

### **Billing and reimbursement**

The following billing guidance applies to services rendered by interns under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system:

- Services must be billed on a professional *CMS-1500* claim form or its electronic equivalent.
- The supervising practitioner should be listed as the rendering provider on the claim.
- The modifier HL (intern) should be used to indicate the service was performed by an intern.
- FFS reimbursement for intern services will be at 50% of the base physician fee schedule amount as published on the [Professional Fee Schedule](#) at indianamedicaid.com.

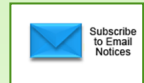
Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish billing guidance for covered services delivered under the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and reimbursement should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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