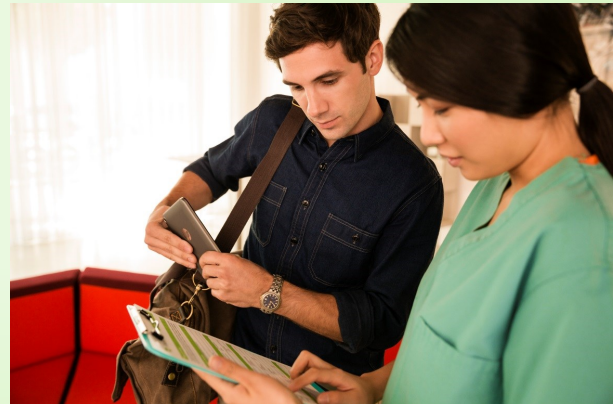


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Certain NP and CNS services reimbursed separately from inpatient mental health facility's *per diem* rate

Effective December 1, 2015, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reimburse a nurse practitioner (NP) or clinical nurse specialist (CNS) who performs evaluation and management (E/M) rounding in the inpatient mental health setting separately from the *per diem* rate paid to the facility. Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are excluded from this reimbursement policy change. E/M rounding includes initial, subsequent, and discharge-day management. Unlike for physicians, psychiatric services, such as group and individual therapy, performed by an NP or CNS will not be reimbursed separately. These services, when performed by an NP or CNS, are included in the facility's *per diem* rate. This reimbursement policy change applies retroactively to fee-for-service claims for dates of service (DOS) on or after **October 1, 2015**.



Beginning December 1, 2015, rounding services provided by an NP or CNS in the inpatient mental health setting for DOS on or after October 1, 2015, should be billed separately on the CMS-1500 claim form or via the 837P transaction. These services can be billed under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the NP or CNS (if available) or billed under the physician's NPI with the addition of the "SA" modifier. Services performed by an NP or CNS, regardless of billing method, will be reimbursed at 100% of the billed charges or the IHCP allowed amount, whichever is less. Claims submitted beyond the original one-year timely filing limit must include a copy of this publication as an attachment and must be filed within one year of the publication date.

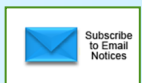
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