



MEMORANDUM

TO: Psychotherapists
FROM: EDS and NH Medicaid
DATE: July 1, 2007
SUBJECT: **Psychotherapy Services limitation**

The purpose of this notice is to provide clarification regarding the Psychotherapy Service limitation for NH Medicaid recipients.

In accordance with administrative rule HeW 530.03(f) psychotherapy services are limited to 12 visits per recipient per state fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th).

Prior to the conversion of NH Medicaid specific codes to the required national codes, in March 2004, psychotherapy services for NH Medicaid recipients were primarily billed in 15-minute units resulting in the limitation being set at 48, 15 minute units to equal the 12 visit. The conversion to national codes has resulted in the national codes not being in 15 minute increments; therefore to provide consistency any claims submitted as of July 1, 2007 (regardless of the date of service) for psychotherapy services, will be counted on a per visit basis.

Claims exceeding the 12 visit psychotherapy limit will continue to require a prior authorization for medically necessary services. If the prior authorization is not obtained, claims will deny.

To obtain a prior authorization for medically necessary services, you must complete The State of New Hampshire *Application for Prior Authorization of Psychotherapy Service in Excess of the Service Limits* Prior Authorization form. The prior approval form is located on the provider services website; www.nhmedicaid.com.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or billing for these services, please contact the Communications Unit at: 1-(800)-423-8303 (NH & VT only) or (603) 224-1747.