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Chemical Dependency Rate and Billing Reform

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify the effective date and implementation of the proposed change in reimbursement and billing for chemical dependency services.

The Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS) will implement this change for DHS clients who are fee-for-service plan effective July 1, 2011. Managed Care Organizations, including UCare, may delay implementation until Jan. 1, 2012, except for room and board charges.

The information below provides an overview regarding the management for room and board, and treatment for services incurring July 1 – Dec. 31, 2011:

Prior Authorization Requirement

Continue to contact delegates: Behavioral Healthcare Providers (BHP) or Mayo Management Services, Inc. (MMSI). When requesting an authorization for chemical dependency residential room and board, please inform the delegate if DHS complexity payment is involved, if applicable. If not specified at the time of an authorization request, this may cause claim adjudication delays.

For authorization requests, please contact:

- BHP at **763-525-9919** or **1-800-361-0491** (toll free).
- MMSI at **1-800-645-6296** (toll free).

Claim Submission/Reimbursement

- **Room & Board:** UCare will adopt the new room and board rates for services effective July 1, 2011; no change in code submission for room and board charges.
- **Treatment for Services:** UCare will implement the change effective Jan. 1, 2012. Continue to bill in the same manner you have billed in the past using the same codes until Dec. 31, 2011. We will continue to reimburse claims for the treatment portion based on the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF) host county contract grid as of June 30, 2011 for services incurred July 1 - Dec. 31, 2011.

Resources

To find out more, log on to DHS' web site at www.dhs.state.mn.us, and read the Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) [Provider Update CHM-11-01](#).

If you have any questions, please contact UCare's Provider Assistance Center at **612-676-3300** or **1-888-531-1493** (toll free).

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