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## **Chemical Dependency Rate and Billing Reform – *UPDATED!***

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

As you are likely aware, the Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS) implemented this change for DHS clients who are fee-for-service plan effective July 1, 2011. Managed Care Organizations, including UCare, could delay implementation, except for room and board charges.

There have been a number of issues and challenges with CD coding related to how the modifiers impact payment, which would require all claims to be manually processed. In the interest of simplifying coding issues and to avoid disruption in payment of claims, UCare will work towards implementing a system of CD treatment codes that will reduce coding/billing/claims issues. We plan to implement during early 2012 and will inform you of when this will occur.

The information below provides an overview regarding the management for room and board, and treatment for services after Jan. 1, 2012:

### Prior Authorization Requirement

All CD services covered by UCare require contacting one of our delegates: Behavioral Healthcare Providers (BHP) or Mayo Management Services, Inc. (MMSI). When requesting an authorization for CD 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:** Continue to bill in the same manner you have billed in the past using the same codes until further notice. 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 after Jan. 1, 2012.

### Resources

To find out more, log on to DHS' web site at [www.dhs.state.mn.us](http://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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