

Blue Shield of California Amendment to HMO Plans

This amendment should be attached to, and is made part of, your Blue Shield of California HMO Evidence of Coverage.

Please be sure to retain this document. It is a part of your Evidence of Coverage (EOC).

Effective July 1, 2012, the EOC is amended as shown in this Amendment.

1. In the Summary of Benefits, in the Mental Health section, a new section is added for Behavioral Health Treatment which is provided in an office location. The Member's Copayment for this Benefit will be the same as the Copayment paid for Outpatient Rehabilitation Benefits provided in an office location as set forth in the Summary of Benefits.
2. In the Summary of Benefits, in the Mental Health section, a new section is added for Behavioral Health Treatment which is provided in the home or other setting (non-institutional). The Member's Copayment for this Benefit will be the same as the Copayment paid for Home Health Care as set forth in the Summary of Benefits.
3. In the Plan Benefits section, subsection Mental Health Benefits a new Item 6, Behavioral Health Treatment, is added as follows:

6. Behavioral Health Treatment

Behavioral Health Treatment is covered when prescribed by a Physician or licensed psychologist who is a Plan Provider and the treatment is provided under a treatment plan prescribed by an MHSA Participating Provider. Behavioral Health Treatment must be prior authorized by the MHSA and obtained from MHSA Participating Providers. Behavioral Health Treatment used for the purposes of providing respite, day care, or educational services, or to reimburse a parent for participation in the treatment is not covered.

4. In the Definitions section, a definition for "Behavioral Health Treatment" is added as follows:

Behavioral Health Treatment – professional services and treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis and evidence-based intervention programs that develop or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual with pervasive developmental disorder or autism.