

Letter of Direction #52

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To: Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Configuration for Billing by Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Satellite Locations providing only Behavioral Health (BH) Services

Title: MCO Systems Configurations for BH Claims from FQHC Satellite Locations

The purpose of this Letter of Direction (LOD) is to provide guidance to the Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for payment for Behavioral Health services rendered at satellite locations of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

FQHC behavioral health satellite locations

Many FQHCs have satellite or extension offices that see clients specifically for behavioral health services. Based on the FQHC certification, HSD considers the “behavioral health only” sites to be satellite sites of the certified “medical” site and no additional enrollment is necessary in order to facilitate billing for behavioral health services.

Behavioral health services fall under the FQHC approved scope of services and thus should be billed like any other FQHC encounter by the Medicaid enrolled FQHC on the **institutional claim form** using **revenue code 0919**, and including the appropriate **procedure code**. The FQHC should not identify the satellite location on the claim form in the Servicing Facility identifier field as this will cause encounters to deny since the satellite office is not enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

Specialized behavioral health services

There are specialized behavioral health services that do not fall under the basic FQHC approved scope of services, and these require that the FQHC obtain appropriate licensure and/or certification in order to bill for specialized behavioral health services such as IOP, CCSS, MST, Day Treatment, etc. All specialized behavioral health services provided within the HRSA-approved scope of service of the

FQHC will be paid using the prospective payment system rate. Again, the satellite location does not need to be enrolled separately from the FQHC for these services.

If the satellite location has been approved for a separate Medicaid Provider ID under a specialized behavioral health provider type, those services should be billed according to the instructions for that service on the Behavioral Health Fee Schedule.

This LOD will sunset upon inclusion in the Behavioral Health Policy and Billing Manual.

Any questions regarding this LOD should be directed to BHSD Director Neal Bowen, PhD at neal.bowen@state.nm.us