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Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) Providers  
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

## School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) Clinic Rate Enhancement

MVP Health Care® (MVP) appreciates the work that you do to support our Members and is committed to keeping you informed. This notification is to remind you of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) rate enhancements effective July 1, 2023 per the 2023-2024 NYS State Budget.

The rate enhancements provide a 25% increase for Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) Peer Group Base Rates for SBMH Services in Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) Programs.

### Guidance related to billing:

- New Rates Codes 1030 (non-hospital) and 1033 (hospital) must be billed to receive the enhanced SBMH rate
- Electronic claims must include Value Code 24 and the Rate Code in the 39A field
- Paper claims must include Value Code 24 and the Rate Code in the 39A field
- The zip code including the 4-digit extension of the school-based satellite location must be used on the claim to receive the enhanced rate
- For services delivered outside school-based satellite operations, standard billing applies, including regular on-site Rate Code (1504/1516) or off-site Rate Code (1507/1519) with the correct zip code and 4-digit extension, and any applicable modifier

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) announced this change on September 8, 2023, and the Division of Budget Approval (DOB) formally approved this for Managed Care Plans on November 17, 2023.

**As a result of the timing of the NYS approval, MVP will temporarily extend the timely filing period for SBMH claims for MVP Government Program Products billed with Rate Codes 1030 or 1033 through April 1, 2024.**

This will provide additional time for Providers to submit this subset of claims without receiving a timely filing denial. Claims received after April 1, 2024 will be subject to contractual timely filing limits.

Please contact your MVP Behavioral Health Professional Relations Representative for more information.

### It's Time to Recertify Your Patients!\*

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act has expired. To learn how MVP can help your patients continue their coverage, visit [mvphealthcare.com/recertification](https://mvphealthcare.com/recertification).

\*Applies to Members enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus (CHP), Health and Recovery Plan (HARP), and the Essential Plan (EP).