



DSS and DCF report to the
Behavioral Health Partnership
Oversight Council

September 12, 2007

SFY08- Strategic Rate Investment Update

Strategic Investments SFY08

Strategic Investment Fund (approximate)	\$	2,000,000
Hospital Access Initiative	\$	750,000
ECC E&M Crisis Psychiatric Evaluation	\$	67,262
ECC E&M Consult Psychiatric Evaluation	\$	136,622

Package Notes

Note 1: All figures are annualized

Note 2: E & M cost estimate revised based on actual registration data for ECCs; estimate may be adjusted based on actual utilization

Hospital Access Initiative

- Problem: difficult to admit children with special treatment needs, e.g., medical co-morbidities, severe development disabilities, sexual reactivity, etc.
- Hospital Access Initiative would establish preferred provider(s)
- Rate enhancement for all admissions in return for guaranteed access to available inpatient capacity regardless of clinical profile

Enhanced Reimbursement for Psychiatric Evaluation for New Patients in Crisis

Providers have requested reimbursement for crisis evaluation services when provided by a clinic on-site. Currently, crisis evaluations only qualify for special reimbursement when provided off-site.

Enhanced Reimbursement for Psychiatric Evaluation for New Patients in Crisis

- Departments propose to introduce E&M codes that provide higher reimbursement for psychiatric evaluations conducted by psychiatric prescribers
- Limit introduction of new codes to Enhanced Care Clinics
- Only reimbursable when provided to a new patient within 24 hours of a crisis

Enhanced Reimbursement for Psychiatric Prescribing for New Patients in Crisis

- New Codes – 99201-99205
- Reimburse at 95% of Medicare
- Target effective date – January 2008

Enhanced Reimbursement for Brief Psychiatric Consultation

Provider Advisory Subcommittee has requested reimbursement for brief psychiatric consultation services provided by a freestanding MH clinics to patients referred by their PCP. Typically, PCP will be prescribing or seeking to prescribe psychotropic medication, but feels that a psychiatric consultation is required.

Enhanced Reimbursement for Brief Psychiatric Consultation

- Departments propose to introduce E&M codes that provide higher reimbursement for psychiatric consultations conducted by psychiatric prescribers
- Limit introduction of new codes to Enhanced Care Clinics
- Only reimbursable when provided to a patient referred by a primary care provider seeking a consultation to support prescribing

Enhanced Reimbursement for Brief Psychiatric Consultation

- New codes – 99214-99245
- Reimburse at 95% of Medicare
- Effective date – January 2008

Questions?