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## Attention Provider Type (PT) 34 Specialty 28 Occupational Therapy (OT) Providers in a Behavioral Health Setting

Therapist services such as Occupational, Physical and Speech may be provided in certain Behavioral Health settings. Please refer to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) policies below to determine authorization, delivery and billing as inclusive or separate.

Please note the following regarding reimbursement:

- When delivering services as part of an outpatient mental health service milieu, such as Partial Hospitalization Program or Intensive Outpatient Program, Occupational Therapists are reimbursed for their outpatient mental health services by the billing provider agency/entity/group.
- Occupational Therapists are reimbursed independently for the services provided in a Residential Treatment Center (RTC) setting.
- Occupational Therapists are reimbursed independently for the services provided through a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC).

The MSM Chapters referenced below are posted on the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) [Medicaid Services Manual](#) webpage.

### CHAPTER 400 -- MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

#### Section 403.4. OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

##### D. Mental Health Therapeutic Interventions

1. Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) -- PHP services include active therapeutic treatment and must be targeted to meet the goals of alleviating impairments and maintaining or improving functioning to prevent relapse or hospitalization.

a. Scope of Services: PHP services may include:

7. Occupational Therapy

2. Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) -- A comprehensive interdisciplinary program of direct mental/-behavioral health services which are expected to improve or maintain an individual's condition and functioning level for prevention of relapse or hospitalization.

a. Scope of Services: IOP may include the following direct services:

7. Occupational Therapy

#### Section 403.8 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (RTC) SERVICES

##### A. Coverage and Limitations

2. The all-inclusive daily rate does not include general physician (non-psychiatrist) services, neuropsychological, dental, optometry, durable medical equipment, radiology, lab and therapies (physical, speech and occupational) or formal educational services. Services that are Medicaid benefits must be billed separately by the particular service provider and may require prior authorization.

### CHAPTER 2700 -- CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER (CCBHC)

#### Section 2703.16 SERVICES

In addition to the required services, CCBHCs are allowed to provide additional services identified on the Allowable Services grid located with the CCBHC billing guide.

G. Occupational Therapy:

Services provided by an Occupational Therapist licensed in the State that are designed to restore self-care, work and leisure skills to eligible recipients with functional impairments in order to increase their ability to perform tasks of daily living. Services must meet medical necessity and comply with the requirements of MSM Chapter 1700 – Therapy.