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Attention Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) and Mental Health Counselors (MHC) Delivering Services to Dual Eligible Recipients and Behavioral Health Providers Delivering Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) to Dual Eligible Recipients

The Division of Health Care Financing Policy (DHCFP) is directing Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) and Mental Health Counselors (MHC) providers who deliver services to dual eligible recipients to enroll with Medicare. Providers delivering IOP services to dual eligible recipients are also directed to enroll in Medicare.

The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) guidance issued through the [CMCS Informational Bulletin \(CIB\)](#), dated [December 14, 2023](#), advises state Medicaid agencies that: *"...starting on January 1, 2024, Medicare will begin covering and making payment for the services of marriage and family therapists (MFT) and mental health counselors (MHC), and intensive outpatient program (IOP) services as authorized by Sections 4121 and 4124, respectively, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023) (P.L. 117-328, enacted on December 29, 2022)."*

DHCFP has selected Option #2 under the CIB section "Coordination of Benefits and Third-Party Liability Options for States." This option allows Nevada Medicaid to "advise MFTs, MHCs, and IOP service providers they can hold claims and bill Medicare once the provider becomes Medicare-enrolled. This process will allow Medicare to review the claim and then cross the claim to Medicaid for payment automatically."

Further clarification for MHC and MFT providers can be found at [Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors | CMS](#).

Further information on enrollment with Medicare can be found at [MLN9658742 – Medicare Provider Enrollment \(cms.gov\)](#).

Any claims incorrectly paid by Nevada Medicaid as of January 1, 2024, to providers who are not Medicare-enrolled for services delivered to dual eligible recipients will be reprocessed and recouped. Future web announcements will notify providers when claims are reprocessed and recouped.

For questions and additional clarification, please contact the DHCFP Behavioral Health Benefits Coverage (BH) Team by sending an email to: BehavioralHealth@dhcfp.nv.gov.