



**Connecticut Department of Social Services
Medical Assistance Program
Provider Bulletin**

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TO: Freestanding Mental Health Clinics

SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Modification of Home Based Services Classes

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify free-standing mental health clinic providers of home-based services under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CTBHP) that each of the classes of home based services is being modified to include coverage of a diagnostic assessment and medication management services. This change is being implemented because most home-based service clients require clinic-based evaluation and medication management in addition to the case management and clinical services that comprise the home-based service classes. This change should reduce the administrative burden on providers by eliminating the need to obtain a separate registration for outpatient medication management services when seeking authorization for home-based services. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 90801 (*Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination*) and 90862 (*Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy*) have been added to all home-based service classes.

Effective December 1, 2006 codes 90801 and 90862 are included in all home-based classes. The CTBHP administrative service organization responsible for authorizing services has been instructed to adjust the units approved on new authorizations accordingly. Providers are reminded that current Medicaid policy limits billing of code 90801 to one unit per year per billing provider.

All services provided under the CTBHP that require authorization or registration are assigned to one or more service classes. These classes identify the various services a provider can be approved to provide (e.g. Intensive Outpatient Program, Outpatient Services or Multi-Systemic Therapy). Tables containing the service classes can be accessed at the CTBHP web site (www.ctbhp.com). From the home page, click on “for providers” and then select “Authorization Schedule” for any particular provider type and specialty. For each service class, the table shows the category of service, the 5-byte service class designation, the procedure or revenue center codes covered in the class, description of the service, and information about utilization management requirements.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at www.ctmedicalprogram.com.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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